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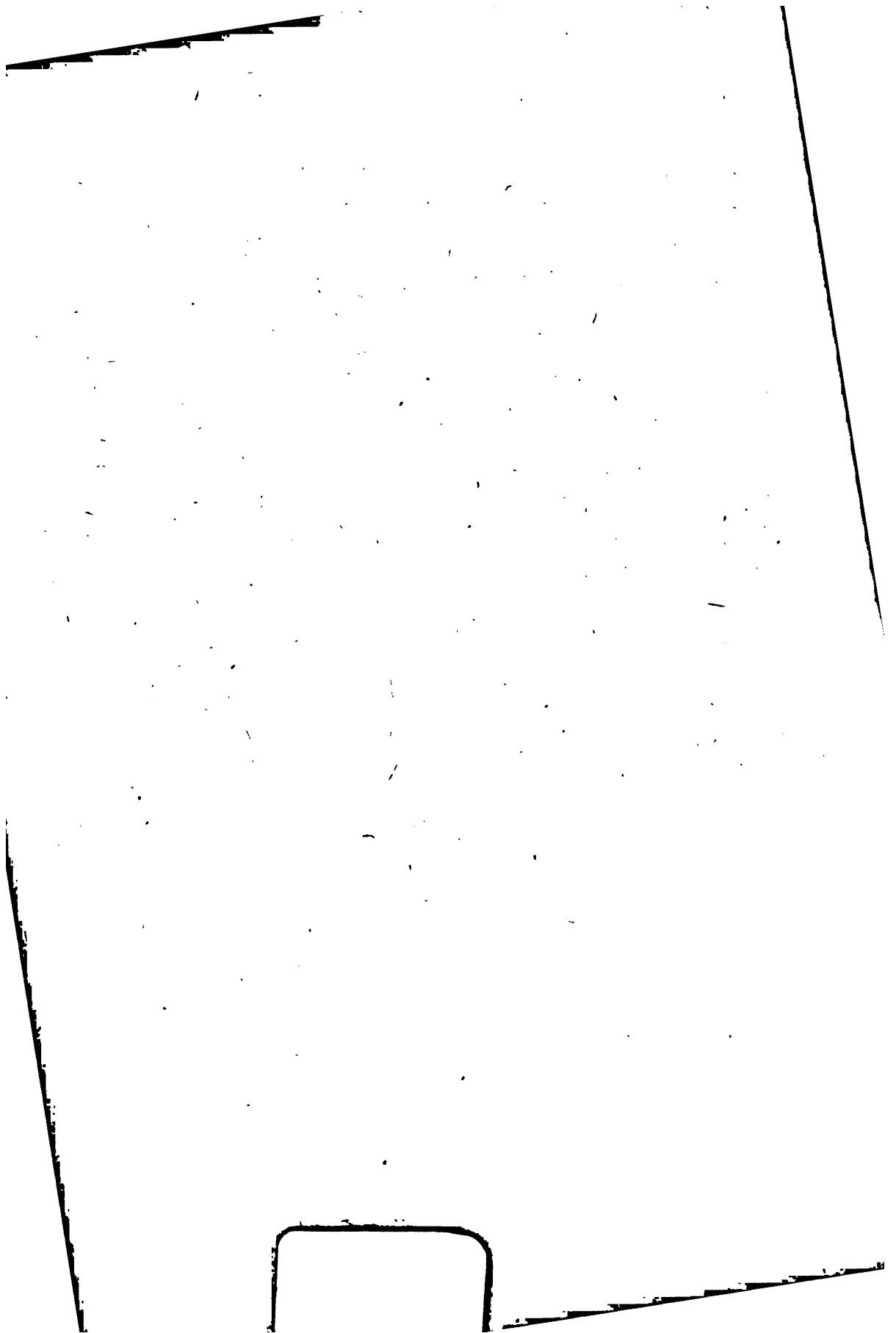
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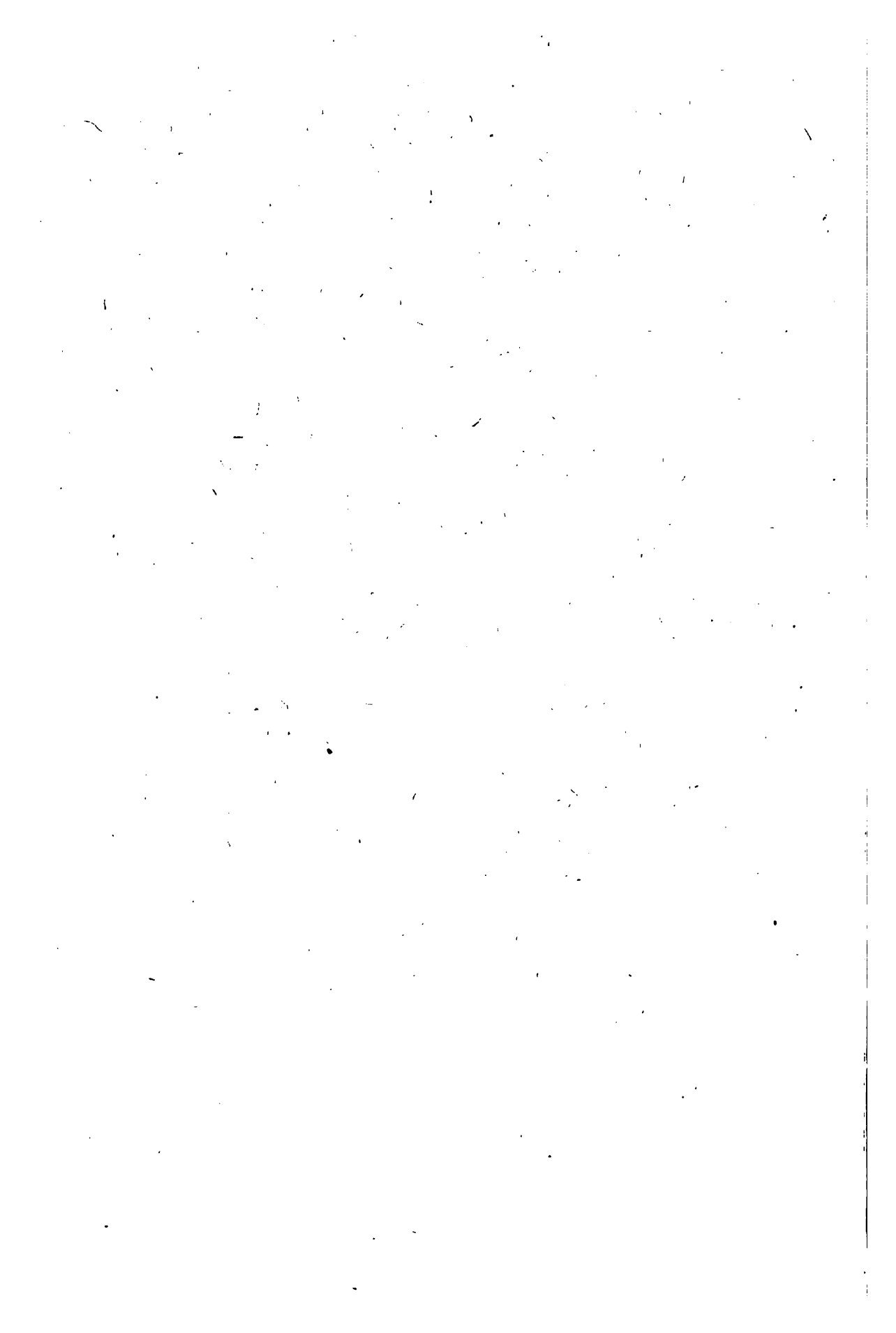
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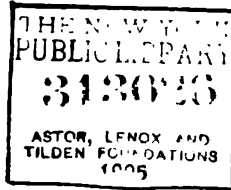
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How Mr. Romeo Smith Came to Marry Again.

When I was a student at Miami University, there was a tradition current among the people of Oxford and the institutions of learning located there, that if a student kissed a "Western girl" across the "dead line," he and the girl would sooner or later become man and wife.

The matter was so exceedingly simple and result so very great, that everyone was interested in seeing it verified. While this superstitious idea was handed down chiefly by word of mouth, yet there were in Oxford numerous females of uncertain age who had been perennial belles as the classes had come and gone, who had kept written records for many years to prove the infallibility of this tradition, and who could prove to any person of ordinary intelligence, that the result followed the act as certainly as any physical fact in the due course of nature. I have seen these records myself and can certify to their extraordinary accuracy, and that they demonstrated beyond question, that the only cases that admitted of any serious doubt were those where the original kissing had not been established by thoroughly reliable evidence.

Miami University, as is well known, stands on a high hill almost in the center of the village of Oxford while a mile or so to the southeast, crowning another hill of like size, stands the Western Female Seminary, now known as the Western College for Women. The young lady students of the latter institution have always been locally known "Western girls" and it was between the students of those two institutions that the inexplicable influence of the dead line made itself felt.

Mr. Romeo Smith, while a student at Miami, became entangled in the meshes of this legend and through it obtained his second wife, which is the subject of our story.

The main street of the village, which is at the same time the turn-pike leading to Hamilton, as it runs east and then south, passes within a quarter of a mile or less of the college for young ladies. Running from the pike to the east, first circling down one hill and then up another, is a sinuous road which forms the entrance to the grounds of this institution, and extending south from this entrance, parallel with the pike and possibly five hundred feet from it, is an old fence row from which the

fence has long ago disappeared, leaving it covered with a heavy growth of blue grass, and which forms a promenade for the young ladies of the college. It serves at the same time as the boundary line of the college grounds.

The western edge of this row was the mysterious "dead line" which had exerted such a wonderful influence on the future lives of so many of the young people who came as students to these two institutions. No young lady was allowed to pass beyond it, and no young man was permitted to approach nearer to it than the pike, under penalties limited only by the temper and condition of the digestion of the members of the faculties of the respective institutions. Thus the space between the pike and the "dead line," which was cultivated as a vegetable garden in the summer season, became the separation of the sexes, and the more stringently the rule of separation was enforced, the more eager was the desire on each side of the line to encroach upon its limits. And when, with all the impending penalties set at defiance, two ardent souls stood with only the mysterious dead line between them, the climax of heroic daring was almost reached, and if, at this supreme moment, the great seal of destiny was affixed to the transaction by the lips meeting across the line, surely something momentous was bound to happen. Thus arose the legend with its superstitious portent. It was handed down from class to class. No sooner did a student wander down the old pike and see the be vies of young maidens sauntering up and down the old fence row, than some one was ready to relate to him the story of the dead line and its wonderful power, and what was necessary to bring one under its spell. The young ladies were likewise, early in their college days, made acquainted with the dead line, its location and its possibilities.

With this mystery pervading the atmosphere of the town and the two institutions, Mr. Romeo Smith became a student at Miami University. "Romey," as the boys all called him, had spent a large part of his life in a hard struggle with the weeds that grew in luxurious abundance on his father's farm. He had had little time to give his time to sentiment. The winters had been given to a strenuous effort to prepare for college and the summers to hard work on the farm. He entered college a big, strong and altogether vigorous specimen of farmer boy, with but little knowledge of what we call the world, but with a firm determination to make the world know that he had lived.

At the same time there was a young lady student at the Western by the name of Juliet Brown, who had been brought up under quite different surroundings. Her father was a man of wealth and standing who had indulged his daughter in all her whims. She was handsome, vivacious and venturesome almost to recklessness, her neighbors said she was "as wild as a March hare," whatever that may mean. A student publication

of this time had advertised the Western as "a place where they manufacture the finest female missionaries of any place in the world; old missionaries fattened up and put in working order for half price, and first class new ones made out of the wildest girls or money refunded." Possibly this reputation as to the character of the instruction given at the Western had some influence in inducing the father of Juliet to select this institution for her instruction. At any rate, she made her advent into college with about as much life as could well be crowded into one small body.

When told of the mysterious influence of the dead line, she declared that she wouldn't be afraid to kiss forty students across it, and dead line or no dead line, she would never marry one of them. Such an expression of daring recklessness is said to have almost caused an epidemic or hysteria among the prospective missionaries of the institution. It seemed like tempting Providence.

It was purely through accident that Romeo Smith become acquainted with Juliet Brown. The means of conveyance from the Western to the village was an old carriage of the Rockaway type, which was known as "The Ark," and as Juliet was one day returning from a trip to the village in the ark in company with a teacher, for even incipient missionaries were not allowed to go to the village except in the company of a teacher, she lost a package which had her name and address upon it. Romeo in taking his daily exercise found it. What in the world should he do with it! All the boys advised delivering it in person and half a dozen were eager for the job. But Romey knew he was not allowed to go upon the Western grounds. It was explained to him that this rule only applied when one had no business and that delivering a package to its rightful owner was business of the very highest order. He finally determined to go, and went. As he walked down the entrance he passed the dead line for the first time in his life, and remembered the tradition, but felt that it could never be of any concern to him.

As he sat in the reception room of the institution waiting for the owner of the package to be called, he felt that if he could just then swap his present task for the job of sawing a cord of wood for the kitchen stove at home, he would willingly make the trade. But still he determined to see it through.

In a moment into the room bounded Juliet Brown, neat as a pin, handsome as an early spring rose, and as sweet as a California peach.

Romey steadied himself as best he could and in a very stiff and awkward way told the young lady who he was, and the object of his visit, and presented the package amidst a profusion of thanks on the part of the recipient. She begged him to be seated, and, without noticing his confusion, began a regular chatter of talk.

"So you are Mr. Romey Smith, are you? Well if that don't beat anything I ever heard tell of. Why, your Uncle John used to furnish us with garden truck and the like from his farm. One day last year, he heard my sister speak of my going to school at Oxford. Said he, 'Miss Julie, are you going to Oxford?' I told him I was. 'Well now, if you see my nephew, Romey, down there just give him my regards.' So as you are the nephew, Romey, please consider yourself in possession of your uncle's regards. Were you ever in this building before? No? Well, I didn't think you had been. There are mighty few men ever got to stick their noses in this building I tell you—this building is dedicated to women. I sometimes get so tired of looking at women that I go over and walk along the dead line, just to see what men look like. Do you know what they say about the dead line? Yes? Well, I supposed you did. What nonsense! Still, there are some of our girls who are going as missionaries to Timbuctoo who wouldn't mind being brought under the spell of the dead line just to be a little more certain of the future in the matrimonial line."

And so the one-sided conversation went on for half an hour. At last without having had occasion to say ten words himself, Romey declared that he would have to go.

When he was out, the cheerful voice and gossip talk kept ringing in his ears. He almost wished that he could become a female missionary himself and take up his studies in this institution where he could hear this voice each day. As he passed the dead line he looked at it with more interest than as he entered—Juliet Brown walked there to see how men appeared, but it was evident that she did not believe in its power. He felt a kind of palpitation of the heart, which he did not remember to have noticed before. As he went to his room he wondered over and over again, whether he would ever see this girl again.

Close observers would have noticed after this, that Mr. Romeo Smith began paying more attention to his attire and general appearance and slightly less to his Latin and Greek. His walks each day either began or ended in a stroll down the pike past the Western, and sometimes he felt certain that among the young maidens whom he saw wandering up and down the old fence row, he saw the figure of Juliet Brown, but he received no sign of recognition.

At last, as he was one day coming up the pike just before sundown, he found that all the young ladies had gone in save one lone figure, which he saw leaning against an old apple tree, and looking out westwardly over the old pike and drinking in the last, long rays of the setting sun. He raised his hat as a token of recognition, and noticed that the figure gave back a slight jerky nod. He felt certain that it was Juliet Brown.

Some impulse, power, force, something he never did know just exactly what it was, took control of him in the twinkling of an eye. He took a glance about to see that no teacher was in sight, and with one bound sprang over the fence which separated the pike from the space intervening between him and the girl, and, though the newly plowed ground was soft and muddy, in a few bounds he was standing before the figure, and sure enough it was Juliet.

"Don't come over that line or you'll go back to the farm in disgrace," said she "this side is for girls, that side for potatoes, beans and boys. Why, just look, you have taken all the polish off your shoes and are standing half ankle deep in mud. What did you come over here for anyway? Arn't you afraid of the dead line? If you would stand where you are and kiss this tree, you two would get married some time sure."

Poor Romeo felt like an ass. He was now a firm believer in the mysterious power of the dead line and was eager to invoke its influence to win the heart of Juliet. He was dressed in the best suit of clothes that he possessed, his feet and trousers were covered with mud, he was afraid to move an inch farther for fear some one would see him and report him to the faculty, and still he did not care to turn tail and run back like an arrant coward, and yet, withal, he couldn't think of a single remark that seemed pertinent to the occasion.

Juliet gazed at him and broke out in a most provoking peal of laughter. "Just stand right still where you are and I will run and fetch a missionary who is going to the table lands of the Himalaya mountains next month, and you can substitute her in place of the apple tree and the dead line will do the rest."

But Romeo was in no mood for joking. He glanced up in the apple tree and there was a big cock robin strutting back and forth in front of his mistress with his red breast puffed out with the pride and circumstance of his wooing. The bird knew just how to make love in the most approved fashion, and did not seem at all embarrassed by the situation. "Missionaries be hanged," said Romeo. "I dare you to step to the dead line." "I will take no dare from a farmer," said Juliet, and she boldly stepped in front of him. The dead line was between them.

The sun had just set when such a smack rang out on the evening air that the cock robin turned his head over to the side and looked down to see what was the cause of the disturbance.

Juliet turned her head towards the road leading to the college, and exclaimed, "Goodness gracious, there comes the ark!" Romeo glanced in the direction, and sure enough coming up the road around the hill was the ark, the black top of which was just visible above the intervening

ground. It would come out within fifty feet of where they stood. If they were caught, it would mean sure dismissal from school to Juliet, and probable disgrace to him.

"Lie down flat on the ground this minute," hissed Juliet; "lie down or I will never look at you again." "But the mud," said Romeo, glancing at his Sunday clothes.

"Mud or no mud, down flat, so that you can't be seen, quick," and down went poor Romeo face first, and it must be said for him, that, when he went down, he left nothing to be desired on the score of flatness. He literally sank into the soft earth.

Juliet walked quietly down the fence row toward the entrance road as if nothing had happened, but really in agitated expectancy for the appearance of the ark, which was now hidden from view. In a moment it appeared rounding the curve, but instead of the ark with the old grey horse in front, a pair of horns first appeared and then came in full view the old, black college cow, who was quietly sauntering out the road, and whose back had appeared above the ground and had been mistaken for the top of the ark.

Romeo remained fixed to the earth for a sufficient length of time to allow the ark to pass, and then, cautiously raising his head, beheld the innocent source of their fright.

Romeo arose from the ground in time to receive a goodbye wave of the hand from Juliet, as she rounded the hill, and from the distance thought he could discern a slight trace of a smile on her face.

He looked himself over in disgust, and felt that if he could at that moment receive a good kick from the old farm mule that he had so often worked at home, he would receive it graciously and cherish it as a reminder of what fools men sometimes are. He was in no condition to appear on the college grounds, and so he walked up and down the pike until it was quite dark when he made his way to his room.

This was the last time he ever saw Juliet Brown as a school girl at Oxford. He heard that she was soon called home by an accident to her father and his interest in the Western ceased.

Close observers would, from now on, have noticed that Mr. Romeo Smith gave more attention to his Latin and Greek and slightly less to his attire and general appearance. He was convinced that as an aspirant for woman's favor, he was a dismal failure.

He finished his college course with marked success, and when through went west to start in the final struggle.

He chose as his vocation in life that profession which is most inviting to the novice, most disheartening to the beginner, most laborious and trying to the man of mature years, but which, withal, offers greater opportunities than any other calling in life, the law. He was

industrious, economical and upright and as a consequence succeeded.

When the "starving period" was practically over, he met a neighbor girl who was willing to leave a life of greater plenty than he could offer and share his successes and failures; but scarcely had the sun begun to really shine upon his home-life, when she passed away, leaving him with a little girl who bore her mother's name. Amidst the sorrows of this period he made a solemn vow that he would never marry again. But the book in which such vows are recorded, Alas! shows many erasures.

He became interested in public affairs, and occupied many places of trust and honor, and when his little girl was eighteen years of age he became governor of his adopted state.

When he now began to consider the more advanced education of his daughter, his mind wandered back to Oxford and the institutions located there. Old Miami was still there and the Western—well, yes, he remembered how it stood down on the hill overlooking the meandering Talawanda. He had other recollections of the place, but why recall them at this time. The missionary spirit had largely passed away and now, under a new name, a modern institution had taken its place, devoted to the higher education of women for all the duties and responsibilities of the best American life.

He determined to send his daughter to the place whither his own footsteps had been directed in his early youth.

In the spring of 1890 the Hon. Romeo Smith, governor, etc., visited his daughter at the Western and incidentally renewed his acquaintance with the surroundings of his Alma Mater.

One evening as he and his daughter were strolling about the college walks, they chanced to walk down the old fence row, where everything seemed to the Governor absolutely as it had been twenty-five years before. In front of them and coming in their direction, was a middle-aged lady in company with a young lady student, who were likewise talking a walk in the grounds.

"Do you see those two ladies coming yonder?" said the daughter to her father, "that is my room-mate and her mother. The mother is visiting the daughter and is one of the loveliest women I ever knew. She is said to be immensely wealthy, but she is so plain, so gentle and so kind, that I simply adore her. Her husband has been dead now five years and she still mourns him and vows that she will never, marry again."

In a moment Governor Smith was presented in due form to Mrs. Brown-Jones and daughter. They stood under an old apple tree facing the west and the sun was just going down in a blaze of glory.

"Mother was just telling me," said Miss Brown-Jones, "that she remembered having seen a beautiful sunset of this kind at about this point

over twenty-five years ago, and that she had stood under this old apple tree and watched it."

The Governor noticed the mother pulling at the arm of the daughter, as if to get her to stop talking, but the daughter did not seem to recognize the hint and continued: "and she was just in the act of telling me where the dead line was and that a curious tradition was connected with it when she was in college. I now suggest that she tell it for the entertainment of all of us."

The Governor had no longer any doubt as to who the mother was. "I should be delighted to hear it," said the Governor, "and in connection with this, I wish your mother would also tell us whether the students of her time were able to distinguish the difference between a cow's back and a carriage top."

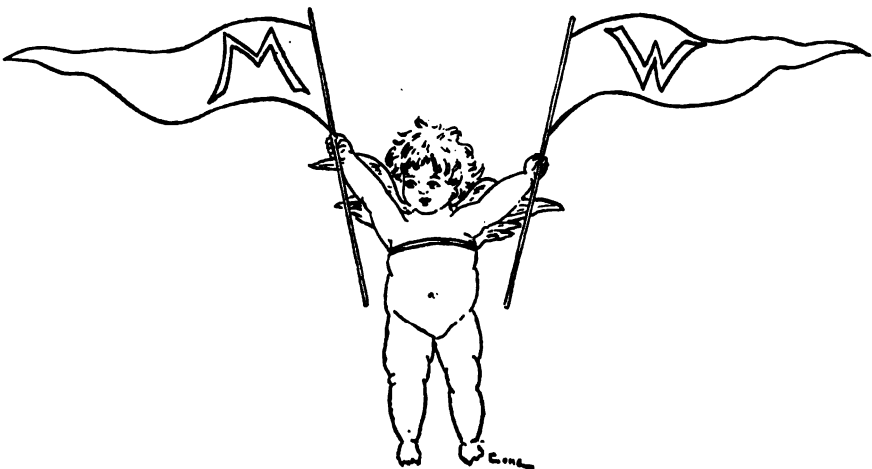
The Governor's eyes twinkled; the mother was visibly embarrassed by the situation, and the two daughters looked at each other in blank astonishment. "I suggest" said the mother, "that the mysteries of the dead line be left for consideration this evening after dinner, when I will also try to tell you how the Chief Magistrate of a great state appears when lying on his face with his body half buried in the mud. It is now time that we are going in."

With that the daughters joined arms and started back to the institution, leaving the older people to follow.

The Governor glanced up in the old apple tree and there again was a cock robin courting with the same pride and ardor as he had seen him before. The bird appeared perhaps a trifle older, but seemed impelled by the same impulses.

During the walk back the intervening years were gone over with interest to both parties. Two solemn vows, it was agreed, should be broken, and a new one was entered into, whereby Juliet Brown should be installed as the mistress of a gubernatorial mansion of a western state.

After dinner, all was made plain to the two girls, and it was satisfactorily shown that the dead line had been the cause of all that had happened.



"Saint Silence."

Joaquin Miller is known the world over as "The Poet of the Sierras." Few people, however, even in this locality, are aware of the fact that he was born and spent the first few years of his life almost within sight of Oxford, on a farm near Liberty, Indiana. During the California gold rush, he went with his family to that state, where the greater part of his life since has been spent. His present home, "The Heights" overlooks the Sacramento Valley and San Francisco Bay.

The following poem by this author will appear in a volume of his works about the first of next January. It is printed for the first time, in the "STUDENT" and with the poet's express permission.

I reckon Silence as a grace
That was ere light had name or place:
A Saint enshrined ere hand was laid
To fashioning of man or maid.
For, storm or calm, or sun or shade,
Saint Silence never truth betrayed;
For, ocean deep or dappled sky,
Saint Silence never told a lie.

Saint Silence seems some maid of prayer,
God's arm about her when she prays;
And where she prays and everywhere,
Or storm-strewn days or sun-down days
What ill, with Silence, can befall,
Since Silence knows no ill at all?

Saint Silence seems some twilight sky
That leans as with her weight of stars
To rest, to rest, no more to roam,
But rest and rest eternally.
She loosens and lets down the bars,
She brings the kind-eyed cattle home,
She breathes the fragrant field of hay
And heaven is not far away.

The deeps of soul are still the deeps
Where stately Silence ever keeps
High court with calm Nirvana, where
No shallows break the noisy shore
Or beat, with sad, incessant roar,
The fettered, fevered world of care
As noisome vultures fret the air.

The star-sown seas of thought are still,
As when God's plowmen scatter corn
Along the mellow grooves at morn,

In patient trust to wait His will.
The star-sown seas of thought are wide,
But voiceless, noiseless, deep as night;
Disturb not these, the silent seas
Are sacred unto souls allied
As golden poppies unto bees.
Here, from the first, rude giants wrought,
Here delved, here scattered stars of thought
To grow, to bloom in years unborn,
As grows the gold-horned yellow corn.

Harvey C. Minnich, Dean of the Normal.

The resignation of F. B. Dyer as Dean of the Normal school was universally regretted, but we are pleased to record that a corresponding good feeling prevails over the election of his successor, Harvey C. Minnich, of Middletown.

Dean Minnich is a native of Ohio and began his early education in a district school of Darke County. Later he was graduated from the Greenville High School. He attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada, and received his Master's degree from that institution. He was a special student at the Ohio Wesleyan University from 1887 to 1889. The summers of 1895-99 were spent at Harvard in special research work.

Dean Minnich has had a wide experience in teaching, having spent two years in the district schools; four years as superintendent at Hutchinson, Kansas; ten years at Hillsboro, and one year at Middletown.

At present, he holds certificates from three states, and is closely connected with the various associations of teachers, viz: chairman of Executive Committee of Central Ohio Teachers' Association, member of the Harvard Teachers' Association, and member of the National Educational Association.

He possesses a fine inheritance of personal qualities, both mental and moral, and we heartily congratulate Miami University in electing him Dean of the Normal.

Prof. McIlwaine.

Charles Howard McIlwaine, the popular new History teacher comes from Harvard.

In '88 Mr. McIlwaine entered Kiskimineta Springs School at Saltsburg, Pa. and two years later he entered Princeton from which he was graduated in '94. For three years he gave his attention to law and was admitted to the bar at Pittsburg, Pa., in '97. He did not enter upon the

practice of his profession however, but at once accepted the position of instruction in Latin and History at Saltsburg, which he held until he entered the Graduate School of Harvard University in 1901. After spending two years at Cambridge he comes to Miami prepared as but few men are to handle this important department.

Dr. J. O. Culler.

Dr. J. O. Culler is a native of the State of Ohio and a graduate in the class of '84 from the University of Wooster.

Most of his time since graduation has been spent in the public schools at Cambridge, Kenton, and Bowling Green, first as principal of High Schools and later as superintendent of schools.

For many years Dr. Culler has been a close student of scientific topics and has made a specialty of physics, pursuing a systematic course of study and experimental work in that branch which has led to the degree of Ph. D., which has been conferred upon him by his Alma Mater.

He is also known as a popular writer and lecturer in scientific topics and as publisher of a series of monograph for supplementary reading in elementary physics.

He has been called to the chair of physics in Miami University and enters upon his work with every promise of success on this important branch of college work.

Prof. S. Chester Parker.

Prof. S. Chester Parker was born in Cincinnati and has made his home there all his life. He graduated at the Technical School of Cincinnati, of which Prof. Feeney was principal for three years. He then attended the University of Cincinnati, from which he graduated, having completed the four years' course in three years. During the year 1901-1902, he taught in the Technical School of Cincinnati which was then affiliated with the University of Cincinnati. At the same time he pursued graduate courses in Psychology and Education under Dr. Judd, of Yale, who was then at Cincinnati University.

Prof. Parker spent two summers at Chicago University studying under Dewey. And all last year he attended the Teachers' College of Columbia University, studying under Butler, McMurray, and Thorndyke. He took his A. M. degree at Columbia University.

The Normal College is fortunate in securing to the chair of Education and Psychology a man who is so thoroughly prepared as is Prof. Parker.

Professor Hadsel.

Pleased and satisfied with its previous successes, Miami has again

sent to Upper Iowa for faculty material, and Frederic L. Hadsel has been called from the west to fill the chair of Instructor in Latin and Greek.

He was born at Maynard, Iowa, and there received his early education, entering Upper Iowa University as a beginning to his college career. During his course there he was an active Christian worker, and as president of the Y. M. C. A. extended his influence over the entire religious field of the University. Nor was he less active in Literary work: he led the winning team in the inter-society debate, and represented his College at the Iowa State Oratorical Contest. Still unsatisfied with two such honors, he tried for the fifty dollar Fuller Oratorical prize, and later for the Fawcett prize, of equal value, and easily succeeded in winning both.

Beside his unusual ability in debate, he presented a marked capacity for mastering the dead languages, and after being graduated with honors in Latin from Upper Iowa University, he pursued post graduate work in both Latin and Greek at the University of Chicago, and since his graduation there has continued to study the higher works in both languages.

Prior to being elected to his present instructorship in Miami, he held the position of assistant principal in the High School at Canton, Illinois, where he was also professor in Latin. And while we sympathize with this school in the loss it has been forced to sustain, we are indebted to it for our gain of one who is certain to make himself felt as a power in all phases of our College life.

Mrs. Angell.

Mrs. Angell who is with us this year as our art teacher and also teacher of History and English, is a native of Kentucky.

She received her primary education in the Dayton, Ohio, schools. After she completed the Normal course in that city she went to Columbus and attended the State University, there doing special work. She then went to Ypsilanti, Michigan, where she completed the work in the State Normal. After attending the art school at Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Angell taught in the Columbus schools. While in Columbus she was president of a leading literary society, and that society is high in its praise of her. Last year she was president of the first grade Teachers' Association at Columbus. Before teaching in Columbus she spent two winters pursuing special studies in the east.

Although Mrs. Angell has been with us only a short time she has won the praise and admiration of both student body and faculty.

S. S. Myers.

Miami University may congratulate herself upon securing the services of S. S. Myers, Mus. Doc., to fill the newly established chair of music.

Dr. Myers was born in Leechburg, Pa., in 1856. His first musical education was secured in a country singing school. His first experience in teaching was in conducting the same. In 1879 he compiled his first book of songs the "Choral Fountain," which was soon followed by a second "The Criterion." Later he compiled "Myers' Musicial Method," "Myers' Book of Anthems" and others. He is an extensive writer for the musical magazines, many of his articles having been copied abroad. Dr. Myers is a master in every department of musical work and is especially strong in the organizing and conducting of chorus classes. His work in this line has already been made manifest by the organization of an excellent chorus class and an orchestra in the University.

The Athletic Outlook

AS SEEN THROUGH A SENATORIAL SPY-GLASS.

Of all the wonderful things which have come in with President Benton's second year nothing is more wonderful than our condition in regard to athletics

From the fateful year of the typhoid fever when we were fortunate to have eleven men of any kind out of the hospital to represent us in football, to the conditions of today is a far cry. We have been improving each year—latterly as much in the ethics of the situation as in playing the games—and today we can say that there is nothing left to be desired in the attitude of the different bodies composing the University towards athletics.

The Senate has so committed itself that if governing action is ever needed it must act strongly, or give up all claims on the power of direction. The students have acknowledged the rightness of the Senate ruling and are living up to it. The trustees are as liberal as one could expect and the teachers and students have made such a contribution in addition that athletics are almost solvent for the first time in the history of the present generation of students.

Our outlook shows a successful season assured. By success the boys always mean a bigger score than the other fellows get. Success as it appears through the spy-glass is more in the self-reliance, decision, self-control and ability to work with fellow men than in the mere matter of points of runs. Not that the score does not signify in the field of the spy-glass; it does, but it assumes its proper proportions. One ounce of manliness developed is better than many scores, but both can be gotten at the same time.

Now there is one thing to remember. There are other years coming

when Miami's flag ought to wave in the breeze of success. The short-sighted policy of the past cripples us at present, and we must see to it that we plant for the coming generations to reap. It is the second team on which our hopes for the next year are always based. It is the good man who isn't quite good enough who is responsible for the world's successes. If he is the right sort he will keep trying, will spur the man in front of him to the very utmost, and some day will be surprised to find that he is in the front rank.

Managers and captains have the responsibility to give a thorough try-out, and to reject finally no one until he has proven by at least two seasons' work that he is a second class. Most men are too easily discouraged. The man sent to the bench this year may save the game for Miami next year.

The spy-glass picture is the most rosy Miami has had. By the new constitution every member of the three departments of the University is a member of the Athletic Association and with a larger constituency to draw from our work naturally should be better and better.

"The Summer School."

Schoolmarms short and schoolmarms tall,
Schoolmarms with no shape at all;
Schoolmarms plain and schoolmarms fat,
Schoolmarms in the sailor hat.
Schoolmarms handsome, schoolmarms lonely,
Schoolmarms plain and schoolmarms comely;
Schoolmarms pert, polite and pretty,
Schoolmarms wise and schoolmarms witty.
Schoolmarms modest, schoolmarms shy,
Schoolmarms with a twinkling eye;
Schoolmarms light and schoolmarms dark,
Schoolmarms here who never spark;
Schoolmarms freckled, schoolmarms fair,
Schoolmarms with long brick-red hair.
Schoolmarms charming, schoolmarms sweet,
Schoolmarms with Chicago feet;
Schoolmarms in organdie dresses
Schoolmarms with tow-colored tresses;
Schoolmarms here for mental learning,
Schoolmarms here with mischief burning.
Schoolmarms here on their vacation,
Schoolmarms here for osculation,
Schoolmarms showing sense and taste,

Schoolmarms with a sweet slim waist;
Schoolmarms with sweet rosy lips,
Schoolmarms broad about the hips.
Schoolmarms looking meek as Moses,
Schoolmarms with big Roman noses.
Schoolmarms small and schoolmarms slender,
Schoolmarms old and far from tender;
Schoolmarms proud and schoolmarms haughty,
Schoolmarms aching to be naughty.
Schoolmarms here with go and dash,
Schoolmarms here who like good hash.
Schoolmarms reared from blue-blood stock,
Schoolmarms who would stop a clock;
Schoolmarms who are up-to-date;
Schoolmarms 'twenty minutes late.'
Schoolmarms with a winning smile,
Schoolmarms sober all the while.
Schoolmarms green as emerald hue,
Schoolmarms just a trifle blue;
Schoolmarms home-sick, schoolmarms sad,
Schoolmarms here with flea bites mad.
Schoolmarms here of every nation,
Schoolmarms here from all creation;
Schoolmarms, bless us everywhere,
Take your pick and call it square.



Walter L. Tobey

Of the Class of 1891.

[THE MIAMI STUDENT will present during the year an illustration and biographical sketch of the younger alumni, especially those that have been graduated since the reopening. In this issue we present a likeness of Walter L. Tobey, of the class of 1891. *Editorial.*]

Walter Laurence Tobey was born in Upshur, Preble County, Ohio, on November 27, 1870. He was matriculated at Miami University in 1886, and was graduated in 1891. He ranked with the first of his class, and took a leading part in the various forms of college life; was a member of the Miami Union Literary Society, and of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. At that time Miami was fortunate in having as professor of Greek, the eminent scholar, Dr. Sterrett, who is now the head of the department of Greek at Cornell University. The professor and his pupil soon became personal friends, and their friendship continues to this day. His association with Dr. Sterrett as pupil and friend contributed more than anything else at Miami, more I think than all other influences combined, to Mr. Tobey's intellectual training. He devoted himself to the work of the department of Greek with an enthusiasm and success that often called forth expressions of gratification from his Professor.

Soon after his entrance into the University Mr. Tobey, with two or three others, established the Miami Journal, which afterward became the MIAMI STUDENT, and he acted as managing editor for three years. The magazine was conducted with judgment and enterprise. The manager had clear and correct views of the nature and aims of a college magazine, and carried them out successfully. It gave a lively, faithful picture of college life at Miami; numerous contributions were obtained from alumni, which gave interesting facts of the earlier days of Miami, that, but for these articles, would now be irretrievably lost. All the friends of the University ought to be thankful to the enterprising young editor for securing Gov. Charles Anderson as a contributor.

Mr. Tobey undertook also to prepare a catalogue of the Alumni of Miami. He was led to this, I suppose, by his work on the STUDENT. He had made a considerable collection, and had settled on the form of a catalogue before he was graduated. A few years later the trustees decided to publish a Triennial catalogue, and he was one of a committee to prepare it. The burden of the work fell on him. The catalogue as published was remarkably full and accurate and was the work of Mr. Tobey.

He had chosen journalism as his profession, and entered on it immediately after leaving Miami. He rose rapidly in his profession. He was employed first on the Dayton Evening Herald; he became soon after, editor of the Dayton Sunday World; on July 18, 1892, a year after his graduation—he was elected editor of the Hamilton Daily Republican;



WALTER L. TOBEY
Class of 1891



a staunch Republican paper in the stronghold of democracy; eighteen months later he became managing editor, with entire control of the establishment. On April 1, 1898 the Republican Publishing Company bought out the News and Telegraph Publishing Co., and consolidated the two papers under the name of the Daily Republican-News, with Mr. Tobey as General Manager. The same company published also the Daily and the Weekly Hamilton Telegraph.

In addition to the publishing of these newspapers, the company has built up a flourishing business in the complete production of high grade, artistic catalogue work for schools, manufacturers, etc. Their plant, with its 55,000 square feet of floor space, is one of the largest in the state; and their work ranks in quality with that of Bartlett & Co. of New York, of Rogers and Wells, of Chicago, and of other leading high grade printers in the country.

Mr. Tobey is not only a successful business man, but also an active public spirited citizen, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all that know him.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity for three years 1893-96.

In 1895 he was appointed by Governor McKinley a trustee of Miami University and was reappointed in 1901 by Governor Nash. From the time of his appointment he has been a laborious, trusted, and influential member of the board. His colleagues showed their sense of his worth by electing him, at their meeting last June, their Vice-President.

On December 19, 1894 he was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Douglass Smith, of Hamilton. Their hospitable home is well-known to many Miami men. All their friends join in wishing them many years of happiness and success.

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Introductory.

With this number the twenty-third volume of the "MIAMI STUDENT" makes its bow to the college world. We hope that a very large number of our readers are old readers. To these we come in fear and trembling. The editors have not been unconscious of the responsibility cast upon them in being entrusted with the management of this little journal. It is our interest and yours, it is our earnest desire and it should be yours, to maintain the high standard which our college paper attained last year. Does it seem egotistical when we say we desire even to improve? If low aim be the crime, we will plead "not guilty."

And new reader, too, understand at the beginning that this paper is yours, its interests are yours, its successes a part of yours, and likewise its failures. If you have genius in a literary way let the editors profit by it. If you have the gift of song, pour forth your soul upon these pages. If you have an idea even, give it form by having it expressed through the MIAMI STUDENT. It is for all this that we exist.

The general form and plan of the STUDENT will be the same this year as last. We make small pretense to being a college newspaper. In these days of promptness and despatch, this feature is without the province of the monthly magazine. But we do wish to make our publication an authentic college record, to reflect in all its phases, college life as it is at Miami. The editorial staff, of seven or eight students can not represent this life in its many features. The co-operation of every student is required to measure up to our ideal. We want to make our paper interesting to the present students; to make our pages bright with all that is best in college literature; to make them sparkle with all

that is wittiest in college wit. The joker and his pranks, even his peculiar slang, are a part of us. Every college has this affliction, a distinct type of its own. The social, the athletic, everything, in fact, that is of interest to all of us will have its due place. And alumni,—the present Miami would keep very close to the past through our relations with you. We are glad to hear of anything that concerns you, your successes, etc., and note them in our columns.

And all, students, alumni, friends, before you have done even a part of the things suggested above, pay your subscription to the business manager, and we will live and work, all of us, in peace and prosperity.

Regarding Prizes.

Through the benevolence of two of our alumni, Mr. J. R. Patterson of Oxford, and Mr. J. R. Sayler of Cincinnati, "THE STUDENT" is enabled to announce the following prizes, for the best literary productions as specified below.

1. For *Poem* not exceeding forty lines, \$10.00. Second prize, \$5.00. All contestants for this prize must have their work in by November 4th.
2. For *Story*, not exceeding two thousand words. \$10.00. Second prize, \$5.00. Stories must pertain to college life and be in by December 2nd.

No contribution in either contest will be considered unless type-written. Contributions should be handed, sealed, to Prof. Hughes.

It is hoped that these prizes will stimulate those who have ability in either of these directions to put forth their best efforts, and thus profit both themselves and us.

Other prizes are being planned for the year, which will be announced later.

Athletics.

The prospects for athletics at Miami appear brighter this year than they have for some time past. Students and faculty, in the majority of cases, are taking more interest than ever before. The intercollegiate games so far arranged are with a better class of schools and Miami bids fair to take her place at the front rank of Ohio Colleges. The schedule for the football season is as follows:

Sept. 26.....	O. W. U. at Delaware
Oct. 10.....	DePauw at Greencastle
Oct. 17.....	Cincinnati University at Cincinnati
Oct. 24.....	K. S. C. at Lexington

Oct. 31.....	St. Xavier at Cincinnati
Nov. 7.....	Wittenberg at Oxford
Nov. 14.....	Wabash at Oxford
Nov. 21.....	Central University or Butler
Nov. 26.....	Butler or O. N. U.

ATHLETIC RALLY.

At four o'clock on Friday, Sept. 18, a mass meeting of the students was held in the chapel. Speeches and good cheer prevailed, and athletic enthusiasm was worked up to the highest tension. Addresses of fire and eloquence were made by Manager Graham and Captain Wood of the football team, by Prof. Stone, Dr. Williams, Dr. Hayes and others. At the conclusion, Dr. Benton summed up, and headed a subscription paper for \$20. Others followed with equal or lesser amounts,—faculty, students, everybody pledged their fortunes and their sacred honor to the support of athletics. In all \$350 were raised. Sundry new supplies have been bought for the team, debts have been paid off, and the Association breathes freely.

THE WESLEYAN GAME.

The football season opened this year with Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. Miami made a very creditable showing against the heavier and faster team and during the first half of the game kept their opponents from scoring. The second half O. W. U. by putting in fresh men and playing harder succeeded in scoring three touch downs, giving them a score of seventeen points. Near the end of the game Wood secured the ball on a fumble and ran fifty yards for a touchdown. Miami has the promise of a very good team and should win the majority of her games. The line is strong and although the backs are not up to the standard, still it is to be hoped that with diligent practice and the efficient coaching of McPherson we will soon have a team as creditable to the institution as that of 1902. The line up for Miami was as follows:

Right End.....	Milholland
Right Tackle.....	Morphy
Right Guard.....	Perry—Eidemiller
Center.....	Brandenburg
Left Guard.....	Stephenson
Left Tackle.....	Reise
Left End.....	Silver
Quarter Back.....	Robinson
Right Half.....	Williams
Left Half.....	Wood
Full Back.....	Reid—Kaye

MIAMI JRS. VS. CINCINNATI TECH.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, the Miami second team met and defeated the Cincinnati Technical school team on the local grounds by the score of 29 to 0. The Miami team had the Cincinnati team at their mercy at every stage of the game and the score should have been even larger. The scrubs showed up remarkably well considering their lack of practice and several showed promise of making the Varsity eleven. The attendance was not as large as could be desired but perhaps the future will show a change for the better. Athletics cannot thrive unless they are supported by the students and faculty of the school and everyone should make it a point to be on the field whenever it is possible. The line up of the Miami team was as follows:

Right End.....	DeMand
Right Tackle.....	Stevenson
Right Guard.....	Perry
Center.....	Hamsher
Left End.....	Huston
Left Tackle.....	Britton
Left Guard.....	Everett
Quarter Back.....	Williams
Right Half Back.....	Hartel
Left Half Back.....	Reed
Full Back.....	Kaye

University Notes.

School opened at 10:30 a. m., on Wednesday, September sixteenth. It was very evident that there were many new students, also several new members of the faculties. An improvement over the chapel services of last year was the leading of the music by Dr. Myers. The devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. David R. Moore, '71, a well known trustee of Miami University. President Benton gave us a brief, yet sincere address of welcome—after which he introduced Dr. Charles Bayard Mitchell, of Cleveland, Ohio, who delivered a most excellent opening address on the subject, "The Modern Man in the Modern World." Dr. Mitchell has that optimism which characterizes live men, and his fluent and forcible speech was to us an inspiring incentive for the work of the new college year.

The enrollment this year is larger than it has been since the reopening of the University in 1885.

As the STUDENT goes to press the total enrollment is 257, divided as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
Liberal Arts College	76	27	103
Normal School.....	6	73	79
Academy.....	49	26	75
	131	126	257

The enrollment last year the first of May when the annual catalogue was issued was as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
Liberal Arts College	66	15	78
Normal School.....	17	77	94
Academy	53	35	88
	136	127	263

There has been a marked increase in the College of Liberal Arts. While the Normal school has not reached the enrollment of last year it will probably pass it before May—most of the students who enter the University later in the year will be Normal school students.

Prof. Stone, our famous physical director, attended the centennial of the city of Chicago last week—he went there to accept the distinguished honor of managing the swimming tournament which was held in the Lagoon in Lincoln Park, on September 30th and October 1st. This was the largest swimming tournament ever held in the United States, and was attended by between 35,000 and 45,000 people.

All of the new students are delighted with the beauty of our college campus, especially during these fine autumn days. And the old students are again enjoying these beauties of nature.

The mid-week prayer services, which are held at 6:15 each Thursday, are led by President Benton. These meetings are exceptionally helpful and the association room has been well filled every evening.

The Erodelphian Literary society will hold its first regular meeting on Friday evening, October 9th. The officers for this term are: President, G. C. Fisher; vice president, Paul Moore; secretary, H. R. Rodabaugh; treasurer, Chas. E. Brown; critic, C. E. Pattison; librarian, O. K. Boring; chaplain, A. C. Olson; sergeant-at-arms, Herbert Hughes. The outlook for the coming year is very encouraging, yet there is room for more men who wish to get practice in debating, parliamentary law, or other literary society work.

On Tuesday evening, September 29th, a Literary society rally was held with the prime object of reviving the Miami Union Literary Society. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Hayes, chairman of the committee on Student's Organizations. Speeches were made by Dr.

Hayes, Dr. Hepburn, Dean Feeney, Prof. Chapman, Prof. Brandon and Prof. Hoke. When the question was put to a vote, eighteen men stood up signifying their willingness to help reorganize the Miami Union. A committee consisting of Messrs. Gries, Smith and Baker, was appointed to communicate with the Faculty committee.

Dr. Hepburn voiced the sentiment of every member of the Faculty and of every student, when he said that Dr. Hayes should be tendered a vote of thanks for his active interest in Literary Society work, and especially for his untiring efforts, of last year which made the Inter-collegiate Debate with the University of Cincinnati a success. We feel that we owe a very great debt of gratitude to Dr. Hayes.

Miami University now has a very creditable orchestra under the leadership of Dr. Myers. The instruments are not all in yet, but they are coming in, and as soon as they are all in, it is the intention to take up some regular orchestra music. We expect some great things from our orchestra this year, and we are confident that we shall not be disappointed.

The Senior class has organized as follows: President, John Baker; vice president, S. J. Brandenburg; secretary, Ruth Snyder; treasurer; R. D. Brown.

The Liberal Arts club will hold its meetings this year in Prof. Wildman's recitation room, which is Room 11 in the main building. It has about fifteen members and expects to do more literary work this year.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Y. M. C. A. has every reason to believe that this year will be the most successful year of its history, as never before has it been so active at the beginning of the school year. Its helpfulness has been felt by all the students, as shown by their willingness to take part in all of its activities.

On the evening of September 18th a social was held in the Gymnasium and a general warmth of good fellowship was the best of the program. A Teutonic lunch was served and addresses were made by the leaders of our various student organizations. "The smile that won't come off" was seen on the faces of the men as they departed, giving assurance that they had had a pleasant evening.

A large number of applications for membership were handed in and good support is assured.

The members of the association are to be congratulated in having published such a creditable hand book, and every man should have one if he is not already supplied.

We sent to the Lakeside Student conference five men who were privileged to hear student leaders like Rev. Wm. T. McDowell, D. D.; Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D. D., and Mr. Robert E. Speer, of New York, and Mr. John R. Mott and Tom Jays. Our men declared it to be one of the richest treats in association activities, and have carried back memories that will mean a great deal towards the higher and fuller life at Miami.

The most impressive part of the conference was the consecration of more than one-half of the students present, pledging themselves to the World's Student Volunteer movement to go to foreign fields.

This year Messrs. Kaye, Haynes, Glenn, West and Brandenburg attended, but we greatly desire that next summer will mean a larger showing.

The first meeting, held on Sunday, September 20th, filled the room at the Gymnasium. L. E. McLachlin, state secretary of the college department, spoke on "Decision," and the men were brought face to face with problems of college life. A number decided to accept Christ as their helper.

The meeting of September 27th was also a most helpful one. The leader, Frank A. Ralston, spoke on "Getting the Most Out of the College Year."

The association tenders a cordial invitation to all students to attend the various Bible classes held at the following churches:

M. E. church, at 9:15 a. m., Dean Minnich, teacher.

Presbyterian church, at 9:15 a. m., Dr. Porter and Dr. Culler, teachers.

United Presbyterian church, at 9:15 a. m., Dean Feeney, teacher.

The work will be carried on in the Sunday schools this year under association auspices.

The Sunday devotional meetings are held at 1:15 p. m.

Following are the Y. M. C. A. officers: President, Lon W. Haynes; vice president, A. Lyle Kaye; treasurer, S. J. Brandenburg; secretary, Clarence C. West; corresponding secretary, Jas. R. Harris.

Y. W. C. A.

The work of the Y. W. C. A. in Miami University, which was so enthusiastically begun only a year ago has had an encouraging beginning this year. Miss Spencer, the state secretary, came here a year ago to assist in the organization. A delegate was sent to the state convention at Wooster to affiliate this association with the National.

The present officers are: President, Edna Robinson; vice president, Julia Bishop; secretary, Vida DeMarr; treasurer, Bernice Pansing. There is a large membership list and the work is progressing nicely.

The Y. W. C. A. gave a reception for the new girls on Monday evening following the opening of school. Notwithstanding the presence of over a hundred girls, every one met and became acquainted in the several "march arrounds" during the evening. After partaking of refreshments of chocolate and sandwiches, "The party went out."

Lake Geneva Student Conference.

The thirteenth student Y. W. C. A. conference met at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. This conference opened Saturday, August fifteenth, and continued until Monday, August twenty-fifth.

The delegates to the number of five hundred were quartered in tents upon the side of the hill, with the auditorium, gymnasium, lecture tent, dining and reception halls in the center.

The forenoons of each day were devoted to Bible study and other meetings as follows: Mission Study class, Student Conference and Missionary Institute. There were three Bible study classes in charge of Miss Blodgett, Miss Adams and Dr. Johnston. The class under Miss Blodgett took up the study of the life of Christ; those under Miss Adams took up the gospel of John; and those under Dr. Johnston took up work especially adapted for the teaching of Bible study classes.

At eleven o'clock each day the entire conference assembled in the auditorium for the principal service of the day. Among those who addressed these meetings were Dr. W. W. White, Dr. John Balcom Shaw, Dr. Howard Agnew Johnston, all of New York City, President Slocum of Colorado College, and others of note. The afternoons were given wholly to recreation. Tennis courts, a bathing beach, and plenty of boats afforded pleasure for all. One of the most interesting events was the parade in which the delegates of each state took part.

Vesper services were held each evening on the lake shore and at 8 p. m. a general meeting was held in the auditorium. After this meeting each state held its own prayer meeting in one of the tents of the delegation.

Miami was represented by Miss Grace Harris and Miss Lydia Wilgus. Through the inspiration and reports, filled with new hopes, new desires and new methods, may the association take upon itself new life, with marked enthusiasm in carrying on the work of the Master.

Union Lyceum Course.

The following course of lectures has been arranged by the committee for this year:

Oct. 22—Dr. Thomas E. Green, "The Key to the XX Century."

Nov. 9—Weber's Band.

Dec; 7—Prof. S. H. Clark, of University of Chicago, Shakespere's "King Lear."

Jan, 18—Dr. Wm. Norman Guthrie, "Courage to Live."

Feb 29.—Temple Male Quartette, assisted by reader, Victoria Lynn.

It is needless to mention the importance of these opportunities to every student. Tickets for the season, with reserved seat can be secured at \$1.50, for best seats; \$1.25, for next best, and \$1.00 for the rest. The success of former courses, and the talent represented on this course, with their recommendations, make us entertain high hopes for this one.

Alumni.

Dr. Franklin T. Dubois, class of 1895, has just returned from Manila. Dr. Dubois has been serving as Captain Assistant Surgeon of Volunteers and was mustered out of the service last January. He was retained by the civil authorities in Manila, on the Board of Health, and has been especially engaged in investigations on Asiatic cholera, the bubonic plague and leprosy. Dr. Dubois is now in New York City doing special work in the hospitals. He expects to enter on a private practice soon.

Joseph P. Scudder, '02, who was a student in the law department of Ann Arbor last year has entered the second year law school, Cincinnati, Ohio.

William H. James of the class of 1900 has entered on the practice of law in Cincinnati.

Otis P. Flower, '03, has a very fine position as principal of a ward school in Morris, Illinois. He has nine teacher assistants.

Hugh D. Schell, '02, has entered for his second year in Hanneman Medical, Philadelphia.

Of those students who finished the Normal work and received their degree in Pedagogy last year, Margaret E. Coulter is teaching in a graded school at Franklin, Ohio.

Alice Robinson has entered Columbia University, New York, to pursue the study of art before taking up her position as art teacher in Miami.

Anna Simmons is teaching Latin and History in Miss Sattler's Private School, Mt. Auburn.

Noble Miller is teaching a primary school at Home City, Ohio.

Margaret Williams is teaching in the Oxford Public School.

C. F. Long, '03, has secured a position as head chemist with the Globe Iron Company at Jackson, Ohio.

W. L. Patton, '02, is acting as secretary of the Oil Company in Senatobia, Mississippi.

Anna V. Harris, '03, has an excellent position as a teacher in the schools at Marble Head, Ohio.

John Bohn Ferguson, '03, is this year acting as instructor of English in the High School at Middletown, Ohio.

W. H. Lightstone, '03, is in his father's drug store in Arkansas City, Kansas. Mr. Lightstone expects to open a laboratory soon as a consulting chemist. His address is 423 South Summit St.

R. H. Bishop, '03, had planned to attend John Hopkins Medical this year but was lately called to his home in Mankata, Kansas, by the failing health of his mother, who died in St. Louis, October first.

David F. Gerber, '03, has a position as principal in the High school at Belle Center, Ohio.

Walter S. Fogarty, '03, is principal of the High School at Fair Haven, Ohio.

Stanley Roland, '97, is enrolled in the University, doing work in Economics and Sociology, for a Masters' Degree.

C. T. Jenkins, '01, is professor of English in a Military school at Mexico, Missouri.

Miss Eda Selby, '01, has a position as teacher of History and English in the High School at Cory, Pennsylvania.

The following from a New York paper in regard to Frederic Ridgeley Torrence, ex '97:

Ridgeley Torrence, whose tragedy, "El Dorado," will be published next week by John Lane, was born in 1876 at Xenia, Ohio. A graduate of Princeton, the new author spent two years on a ranch in Southern California. After leaving Princeton he came to New York, where he had some novel experiences for the first six months. He finally entered the service of the New York, Public Library, where he still is. In 1899 he published his first book, a single poem, "The House of a Hundred Lights." Since then he has devoted himself entirely to the study and writing of dramatic verse. He is now engaged upon a verse play concerning Abelard and Heloise.

Orion L. Stivers, class of 1896, who for a few years has been doing government work, recently resigned from that position and has returned to his former home in Liberty, Indiana, to resume newspaper work.

C F. Macready, '02, who was a medical student at Ann Arbor University last year, has entered on his second year this fall in the Ohio Medical at Cincinnati.

Darrell Joyce, '03, on the sixth of August was unanimously elected superintendent of the Hamilton city schools to succeed the late Superintendent Rose. Mr. Joyce began with a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars and is elected for two years.

Hon. B. S. Bartlow, 1893, was elected last June to the office of Supreme President of the Fraternal Censer at a salary of \$1,800. Mr.

Bartlow was a prominent member of the Ohio General Assembly in 1899-1900.

W. J. Hale, 1897, who has been studying chemistry in Germany during the past year on a Harvard traveling fellowship has returned to accept a position in the Chemical Department of the University of Chicago.

Obituary.

JOHN MILLER TREMBLY.

John Miller Trembly, '50, died at his home near Woods, Ohio, July 25 1903, aged seventy-three years. After he left Miami he practiced law and then practiced medicine for twenty-five years. He devoted quite a great deal of time to mathematics and natural science which tendencies came forth when he built his home; he designed the various rooms in geometrical figures. Some were octogonal, others elliptical and circular. His eccentricities excited a wide interest.

GENERAL DON CARLOS HASSELTEN.

General Don Carlos Hasselton, a distinguished scholar and linguist, died at his home in Denver, Colorado, August 31, 1903. He was born in New Orleans in 1825 of Spanish parentage. The general's great great grandfather was sent out by the Spanish king to America as governor general of the entire Spanish possessions in the new world. General Hasselton, was a graduate of Miami, Yale and Heidelberg universities. At the outbreak of the civil war he entered the Confederate army as a major and was soon made a lieutenant colonel. He was captured as a spy and sentenced to be shot, but escaped. After the war he studied engineering and was a member of Commodore Porter's staff.

The above is taken from a newspaper. General Hasselton was not a graduate of Miami although he attended school here for a few years.—Ed.

JOHN WILLIAM STEEL.

John William Steel, '53, was born at Winchester, Kentucky, on April 9, 1832, and died at Wabasha, Minnesota, August 1 1903. He spent his youth at Hillsboro, Ohio, receiving his preparatory education at the Hillsboro Academy, although he was for a short time at South Salem Academy. For some time after graduating at Miami he taught in a private family at Richmond, Kentucky, and then began the study of law. Afterwards he completed the law course with a firm in Ottawa, Illinois and was admitted to the bar. He located at Van Wert, Ohio and practiced law there until the Civil War, when he enlisted in the 15th O. V. I. At the expiration of his service he enlisted in the 60th O. V. I. After

the close of the war he located at Wabasha, Minnesota, where he practised his profession until his death.

Society Notes.

Many students who enter college neglect one of the most important features of their college course. They seem to think that the only good that comes from a college training must be derived from a knowledge of language or science. While it is admitted that the benefits derived from work in the classroom are the most essential factors in developing the powers of the man, it does not prove that the social side of the students life must be neglected. May the work of the classroom be of the highest type for the coming year, and the opportunities of being associated with students of different culture and refinement not be neglected by the students of "Old Miami."

On the evening of September 19th the members of the Y. M. C. A. gave a reception in Herron Gymnasium to the new boys of the University. The first part of the evening was spent in getting acquainted. The president of the association then called the crowd to order and some of the main points of college life were brought to them. Dr. Benton was present and gave a very helpful and inspiring talk. Representatives of the various college organizations were called upon to say a few words in connection with their work for the year. The Teutonic lunch was next in order, consisting of weiner sandwiches, apples and coffee. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing Miami songs and at a late hour the crowd dispersed feeling that the Y. M. C. A. social had been a great success.

Tuesday evening, September 29, Mr. J. R. Patterson gave an elegant reception at his beautiful suburban home, "Glenwild," to President and Mrs. Benton and the faculty of Miami University. With them were invited the president and dean of both the Western and Oxford colleges, the ministers of the town, and various ladies of the community. The interior of the house was decorated with autumn leaves in gorgeous colorings, stately palms, ferns and flowers. An excellent orchestra in the upper hall played the popular airs throughout the evening. Mr. Patterson was assisted in receiving by his niece, Miss Marie Bishop, of Glendale, Dr. and Mrs. Benton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tobey, of Hamilton. The dining room was presided over by Mrs. George Bishop, of Glendale, assisted by Mrs. Harsha, Miss Edna Robinson, Miss Ethelwin Porter and Miss Isabel Thomas serving ice cream and cake. In the rear hall the guests were refreshed by delicious frappe, served by Miss Julia Bishop. The pretty and tasteful toilets added to the beauty

of the scene. The guests lingered long at this hospitable home, enjoying the association of cultivated people in cultured surroundings.

The first song recital of the year was given by Mr. Marion Green at Miami Chapel, on the evening of October second. The program was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. His songs were well rendered, showing to good advantage the richness of his tones, as well as his range. His voice had a sweetness to it that is so often lacking in bass vocalists. Miss Hamilton, always a favorite with Oxford audiences, was accompanist. Mr. Green came here under auspices of the Y. M. C. A. which is to be congratulated on bringing so good a vocalist to Oxford.

The informal reception given by the senior class of Oxford College on the evening of October third was a very enjoyable event. The large reception rooms were artistically adorned with flowers and autumn leaves, which added much to the general attractions of the evening. The students of Miami University were well represented, together with the president and various members of the faculty. Mr. Green, who had so magnificently entertained the audience at Miami chapel on Friday evening was present and participated in the pleasures of the evening. Dainty refreshments were served, consisting of orange ice and cake. The Seniors entertained the guests royally and it was voted by all present to be one of the most pleasant of social events, which is, in fact, characteristic of the Oxford College receptions.

Normal Notes.

The Normal School, entering upon the second year of its history, has again begun work in earnest. Not only are we glad to welcome so many of our old students back, but we are delighted to find many new faces in our midst. To those who have spent one year at Miami there was probably a little feeling of disappointment to think that, on returning, Dean Dyer's smiling face and cherry tones would not be here to greet us, but we feel that we have been amply repaid for our loss in having secured as our Dean, Professor Minnich, who comes to us from Middletown,—a man well fitted to fill the place left vacant by our friend of last year.

Though we have lost Dean Dyer, we still have with us three of our instructors, whose guidance and help meant so much to us the past year, as well as two new professors. Oh, happy thought! No more shall we be "tossed about on the billows of Psychology," for we have one, instead of four instructors in that subject. Professor Parker comes to us to take the place left vacant by Professor Huey and we feel that we have found in him an able instructor. We also count ourselves fortunate in

having Professor McIlwaine as our History Professor and feel that our work with him is going to be both pleasant and profitable. On the whole we are sure that we have an able corps of instructors and a delightful year's work before us.

A point of great interest as well as encouragement to all Normal students, is the fact that so many of the students who, last year attended school at Miami are this year filling positions in many of our best schools.

Two of our girls, Miss Margaret Williams and Miss Mary Collins, are teaching in the Oxford Public School. Miss Williams has the second grade and Miss Collins, the fifth, and both are delighted with their work.

Miss Bess Coulter is teaching in the Franklin High School, while Miss Noble Miller has accepted a position at Home City.

Miss Corinne Grosvenor is teaching in Miamisburg and Miss Elizabeth Koetiz at Tiptecanoe City.

Miss Anna Keen has a position in her home school at Newton, Ohio, and Miss Helen Howell has joined the schoolteacher's ranks at Mechanicsburg.

Miss Alice Robinson a member of last year's Normal class is taking a special course in art at Columbia University.

Miss Lenore Stough, a former member of the Sophomore Normal class, visited us this week. She is now teaching near Oxford.

The Normal girls are very much delighted with the New dormitory, that has not been built. Great is the disappointment of those who had expected to return to the new building which was to have been erected this summer, but who find that for another winter's term they must walk through snow for several squares, to reach the University for a delightful 7:30 class and then return to a cold room and a stubborn stove. Great indeed are the delights of college life, during the winter! However, we have not given up hope and sometime in the near future we expect to have a well equipped dormitory where we can live peacefully and happily.

There is a strong desire among the Normal students to reorganize the Normal Discussion club into a debating club, for the benefit of all Normal students who care to belong. It is hoped that this will be done at once and that the meetings will be both a benefit and pleasure to its members.

The Normals regret very much that they have lost the captain of their Basket-ball team, but we have no cause to despair. Among the students there is excellent material for a fine team and with a little practice we hope to raise a team equal to the Liberal Arts team. We realize that they have the advantage over us because of the fact that last year found in them a well-trained team, but it is our aim to

form a team which shall excel them, and by earnest efforts we feel that we can do it. All we need is enthusiasm and practice and these can be had with a little effort on our part. Let us go to work with a will and show our fellow students that we can and do play basket ball!

The Normal School regrets very much that it has been forced to hand over to the College of Liberal Arts three of its most ungovernable members to be trained in the way they should go. To them we give our best wishes and to their respective classes our sincere sympathy.

The class in Manual Training is making rapid development. No longer do its members sit by the house and weave dainty little baskets from raffia, but they now cultivate their mental powers by folding bright colored papers into dainty little shapes. Oh who are so happy as children at play?

The latest and most popular rag-time, "Mistress Cow." For copies of the same apply to members of the Training Class.

Miss L.—Who can give me three words beginning with the hard sound of *c*?

Bright Pupil—Come, call, and go.

The Sophomore Normal class regrets very much that one member of their class, Royal Appleton, has been forced to leave them because of sickness. However, they still have with them one of the male sex and they hope by faithful and watchful care to be able to keep him with them until the close of the year.

Anyone wanting plain sewing done, apply to Miss Wilgus at the Selby house. Fancy collars a specialty.

Prof. P. in Psy. Class—What is the highest duty of pupils in a schoolroom?

Miss C—To love their teacher.



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Locals.

Did you hear the bells ring?
"The ringer was not on the football team."—Prof. Stone.

Have you heard "Hiawatha?"
Or "Robbie" on "Sleeping Beauty and the Beast."

Prof. Thompson (at Y. M. C. A. reception) to Dr. Benton:—Doctor have you anything "Too Tonic" here.

Glasgow still retains his old time butting propensity.

We do so much enjoy the weekly visits of our beloved (?) pastors?

Archie Angell is still "Sage of the South Dorm."

"Happy" Has Had His Horns Hollow-ground.

The co-eds have monopolized the walks. All other please take to the timber.

L. O. Lantis was in Cincinnati last Saturday. New Student (?)

Advice to new students—Wait until called on in class. You will get plenty of chances before the year ends.

New student to Prof. Hadsel.—What class are you in?

Lester's departure was a matter of deep regret to all of us. The brick walk now rests in peace.

What's the matter with the Freshmen? The tower is still unpainted.

Kinsey has finally made out his schedule.

The Pewee Club has not organized as yet.

Those not knowing the college yells will please see Shinkle at once.

Mr. S. to new student.—"Don't you want to sign this paper?"

The North Dorm Senate has resumed business at the old stand. The opening meeting was held Sept. 28rd and was attended by several of the graduate members, among whom was C. F. Long.

Have you heard the orchestra.

The dances in the east wing afford great pleasure to us all.

The Senior class has challenged the faculty to a football game.

Atherton Marr, who was in school here the past two years, has entered the University of Minnesota.

Mary Coulter is wearing Delta Zeta colors.

Great hold up in chapel, Sept. 18.

Ask Everett how he liked "Big 4" Brandy Lemonades.

Have you heard the orchestra?

Gaines and Perry seem extremely agitated when at their boarding house. Cheer up, the worst is yet to come.

C. F. Long was seeing his old friends last week,—quite an addition to his upper lip.

Greis, the new assistant in the Political Economy department, is a valuable man.

419 CALLS

We were called upon for 419 stenographers, bookkeepers, office clerks, etc., between January 1, '03 and September 1, '03. There is a great demand for stenographers who understand bookkeeping and general office work.

BRANCHES: Shorthand, Typewriting, Correspondence, Commercial Law, Commercial Arithmetic, Bookkeeping and Business Usages. Write for circulars and mention this paper.

NELSON'S BUSINESS COLLEGE

Odd Fellows' Temple, 7th and Elm, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Gaz Silver was the prime factor in the recent shooting affray and lynching bee. He not only was an eye witness to the shooting but also was Luke Brannon's right hand man at the elm tree. While Brannon held the howling mob at bay, Gaz cut the rope and conducted the criminal to a safe lodging in the Hamilton jail. He is very modest in receiving praise of his heroic deed, and all the efforts of the news reporters to get him to talk, have been in vain.

Wood has a very accomplished valet in Markley.

Have you seen Pye's new cravanett?

THINGS WE MISS.

The old chapel choir.

Class of 1903.

East wing dances.

Broken windows in the Dorm.

Ringers.

Prof. Dye.

Hazing.

Oratory in the Gym.

Electric bells in the Dorms.

THINGS TO WAIT FOR.

Girls "Hall of Residence."

Preliminary Exams.

A holiday.

The Freshmen to paint the tower.

Those class foot ball games.

Senior "Prince Alberts."

Prof. Chapman's first play.

Two literary societies.

North Dorm washing.

Your invitations from discipline committee.

Father to see your grades.

The orchestra to get in tune.

THE MIAMI STUDENT.

NOVEMBER, 1903.

Peter's Opinion.

Oh, sumah gals is good ernuf
Ter have a little while,
But wait 'till wintah schule begins
Ter see ole Petah smile.

Den comes de beauts, what takes my eye;
Dem wintah gals is it—
Way down heah in Petah's heart
Right on de top dey sit.

Dem sumah gals do middlin' well
I s'pose, when der's a pinch,
But dem wintah gals has got 'em beat,
Ter me, dat dere's a cinch.

Dis sumah. me an' oder Profs
Had jis de finest time,
A talkin' ter dem no'mal gals
Umph! umph! how we did shine.

But it's mighty certain 'clusion
Dat de wintah gals is best;
Dey certainly is scrumptious
Dey'll always stan' de test.

Wid all dem purty gals 'round me
Wid which der ain't no match
I can't help somehow feelin' like
I's in a melon patch.

An' though I always has more work
Dan any gove'ment mule,
I sur'ly takes de time ter talk
Ter my purty gals at schule.

"An Examination in The Fifties."

Our class, that of 1853, was larger than any preceding class at Miami. Thus we were comparatively great, in numbers, but in no sense were we great in mathematics. Professor Thomas J. Matthews, a man of great reputation as a mathematician, and splendid ability as a teacher, had been professor of mathematics and astronomy since 1845, but he died in 1852 and was succeeded, after a short interval, by Doctor Theophilus A. Wiley. Our class however did not have the privilege of reciting to Dr. Wiley, having finished the course before his coming. Our last recitations in mathematics were heard by a young gentleman who taught mathematics and astronomy, in the interregnum. His knowledge of these studies was sufficient to amply qualify him for the place. I remember him with affectionate gratitude.

He was a lover of mathematics and faithful to his love, in all his life. He was also a lover of his race and not disposed to be hard on the class.

I have known few such men, no such teacher. He was ready to explain any difficulty and as able as he was ready. But he did not presume to press his knowledge upon us unless we manifested some desire for its acquisition. Abundantly able to teach, if we wanted to learn, yet he could not be guilty of cruelty to the human animal, in compelling us to learn. We had astronomy with him, and everything went along nicely.

I believe, at least I have been told, by those who ought to know, that there are some pretty difficult problems in astronomy requiring the use of the higher mathematics for their solution. If I am not mistaken the calculating of an eclipse is rather a complicated piece of work. If so I am very certain that not more than three or four of our class ever troubled themselves to go through the operation.

All the other members of the class knew that eclipses would come at the appointed time, and that there were men who made almanacs, and were hired to make accurate computation and who told, concerning every eclipse, when it began, and when it ended; where it was visible, where partial, where total. What then was the use of our working to find what almanacs would tell us, what even patent medicine almanacs that druggists gave away would tell us in plainest terms? Besides we were not much interested in eclipses and it made very little difference to us whether they came or not. If they came we would welcome them with smoked glass; if they did not we did not care enough to lose any sleep because of their absence. Even if an eclipse should, in some unaccountable manner, escape the almanac makers, and come unannounced, and so nearly total as to cover the earth about us with gloom and mimic the coming of night, we could witness the surprise of the chickens, and

see them going to roost, and observe the other curious phenomena connected with the affair just as well as though we had taken all the trouble of calculating before hand on what particular day and at what hour the hens would be deceived and some uncultured savages alarmed. No eclipse could frighten us. As with the calculation of an eclipse, so with the other hard problems, we were not at all anxious about them, and our teacher, a most excellent fellow, did not push us. He let us slide along as we pleased. Alas! I fear there are few such teachers now! But we knew we had a good man. We appreciated him, and enjoyed our opportunity to the utmost.

But the time for our final examination was approaching and while I do not think that any of us had fear concerning the other studies there came creeping over us an increasing alarm about astronomy.

There was quite a good deal of easy reading in the book that we were using for a text book. Scattered through it there was something like the old "Geography of the Heavens," that was formerly a popular book in girl's schools, and that easy part we all knew; but then there was so much that we did not know and which now we had no time to learn. We were to be examined before a committee of the board, or chosen by the board, men to whom we supposed all books were familiar, men who would put up with no nonsense, men who could not be deceived, who would show no favor, who could not see the humor of the situation, now our ignorance was to be manifested and maybe some of us, many of us, would fail to pass. It would be a dreadful thing to be turned back at the very last.

Then we regretted that we had not studied harder, that we had not got out eclipses, parallaxes, etc., as I understand all boys do now. But it was too late and, with fear and trembling, we entered the room where the examination was to be conducted; an examination that we were assured would not show how much we knew, but how little. We took our seats, the roll was called. All were present. The members of the committee, were there, men who wore stately dignity as a well fitting garment. To us they seemed wiser than Minerva, more just than Rhadamanthus, and hope gave way to despair.

Our experience with him had not as yet brought us to a proper appreciation of the splendid ability of our instructor.

The members of the class were called upon one after another following the order of an alphabetically arranged roll. The first one called answered correctly every question proposed. The next did likewise. Two or three, to whom the teacher assigned somewhat difficult problems to be worked on the blackboard, who did not at once spring from their seats as though eager to show off their accomplishments were greatly relieved when the teacher said, "I am

afraid that problem will require more time in its working than the committee can well spare. You may take," and then he announced some problem that even I could have worked, and so he went the round of the class asking each one several questions until all had been called upon and every boy answered every question. There was not one failure, nor the least hesitation on the part of a single member of the class. Every boy answered correctly and promptly. He had gone through the whole book and exhausted our knowledge. There was nothing left that we could have tackled; and then how we admired his splendid audacity! He said to the committee: "We have occupied the greater part of the time allotted us, and if you gentlemen are satisfied"—"*Satisfied*," they were more than satisfied. They overwhelmed us with compliments. They had never heard such an examination. They praised the teacher for his work and the class for their splendid improvement of their opportunity. He and we received their praise with becoming modesty. We were men of such broad culture that we were not unduly exalted but were, nevertheless, highly pleased with our unlooked for success. I think, however, that the teacher deserved all the praise that he received. He must have been unusually familiar with the text book, and with the ability of his pupils, or he could not have so conducted an examination that each pupil, without hesitation, answered correctly whatever question was asked him. This too he did with such skill that the examiners did not perceive that we had told absolutely all that we knew, that by no possibility could we have gone further. To make it the success that it was, it was a necessity that the examination be arrested at this point.

We never had another such teacher and I fear that, with all the boasted improvements of the last half century, it would be hard to find, even now, such a teacher and such a class.

As soon as we had opportunity, we had a class meeting and assessed twenty-five cents upon each member of the class, and used the money collected to buy for the teacher a handsomely bound book of poetry, and, on a fly leaf in the volume, had the best writer in the class engross a tribute of praise to him for his excellent work; his great care in teaching, his skill in explaining all difficulties, his friendly interest in us, his zeal for our advancement,—all these things were gratefully praised and he was assured that we felt ourselves indebted to him for our knowledge of astronomy and the insight that we had into the mystery of the wonderful procession of the stars. This was read to him at the meeting called for the presentation, and then he was informed that this writing was for his friends to read. But to him we told, in confidence, that the real reason for the present was because he had, with such masterly skill, slipped us through the examination and satisfied the committee that we were masters of the one thing, in all our course, of which we knew the least.

R. C. Galbraith, '53.

Credit to Dr. Barbour.

[Dr. Barbour attended Miami University during the years 1846-7, and graduated from Ohio Medical College in 1852.—Editor.]

To the Editor of the MIAMI STUDENT:

I place in your hands a paper from Dr. J. H. Barbour in which he shows that he had recognized the presence of glacial drift south of the Ohio River some ten or fifteen years before it was generally known to the scientific world.

Dr. Barbour should at least have the credit of this discovery among the Miami University alumni and students who see our paper and therefore I suggest the publication of his letter. S. R. WILLIAMS.

FALMOUTH, KY., Oct. 10, 1903.

For the MIAMI STUDENT.

During the summer of 1850 I discovered a well rounded granite bowlder near the Washington Trace Road in the northern part of Pendleton County, Kentucky, about three or four miles south of the Ohio River, and about the same distance from the mouth of Stepstone creek. The bowlder would weigh five hundred pounds or more. There were other evidences of glacial drift in the vicinity.

While a student in Miami University, Prof. Bishop said to me that the glacial drift never crossed south of the Ohio river. When I discovered the fact that it had, I wrote him to that effect.

My interest in the fact that I had positive evidence that the glacial drift had crossed south of the Ohio river, led me to discuss the question with such men as I supposed would take an interest in zoological questions, when ever I met them. Most of them are now dead. I have statements from four highly intelligent gentlemen to whom I stated the fact of my discovery.

Mr. H. H. Hill, now of Helena, Mont., Mr. E. W. Knight, now of Sycamore, Illinois; Mr. W. C. Cooder, Crane Building, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. J. E. Wilson, Falmouth, Ky. I submit with this, personal letters containing the statements of the gentlemen mentioned.

JAMES HERVEY BARBOUR.

HELENA, MONT., Sept. 8, 1902.

Dr. J. H. Barbour, Falmouth, Ky.

Dear Doctor:—Learning lately that a party or parties, were claiming the distinction of having discovered evidence, that the glacial drift, had, contrary to the teaching of geology, crossed south of the Ohio River, I wish to make this statement:

In 1852 I was civil engineer in the construction of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, Hamilton & Eaton, and Eaton & Richmond railroads, and while stationed at Eaton, I became interested in the abundant evidence of the glacial drift in that neighborhood, having a few years before been enthused, under the teaching of Benjamin Silliman, Sr., in the study of geology.

In that year I was transferred to the Covington & Lexington railroad and stationed at Falmouth, Kentucky, there making the acquaintance of yourself. In one of our conversations, relative to the glacial period, you informed me that you had found a large and well rounded granite boulder on the Washington Trace Road, in the northern part of Pendleton County, Kentucky, and three miles south of the Ohio River; thereby establishing beyond doubt that the glacial drift did extend south of that river.

It is but just that you have whatever credit is to be attached to the discovery of this fact.

Very truly,

HENRY H. HILL.

SYCAMORE, ILL., May 30, 1903.

Dr. J. H. Barbour, Falmouth, Ky.

Dear Doctor:—I am pleased to say I was in Falmouth as early as 1858 and 1859 when I made your acquaintance and often conversed with you on subjects of my readings on geology and other scientific works, and in these chats you stated that you had discovered positive proof that the glacial drift had crossed the Ohio River to the south side. The evidences were in showing in the northeastern part of Pendleton County, Kentucky, with granite boulders and general physiognomy of the landscape peculiar to glacial drift.

Yours truly,

E. W. KNIGHT.

CINCINNATI, O., May 22, 1903.

Dr. J. H. Barbour, Falmouth, Kentucky.

Dear Uncle: I have your letter of May 18th, inquiring if I recollected a conversation we had when I was a student, relative to glacial drift extending south of the Ohio river.

I recall the conversation quite well. It was in the summer of 1875. I had just graduated from the Marietta College and was still enthusiastic on the subject of geology. I made a visit of a week at your house that summer and we talked geology in all its phases.

I recollect particularly your statement that in the early fifties you had seen, on your rides from New Richmond, Ohio, to Falmouth, Ky., granite boulders similar to those common to the glacial area north of the river. I remember being very much puzzled at that statement and thought of it frequently afterwards, for at that time no writer, so far as I knew, claimed the glacier had at any point crossed the Ohio.

It was more than a dozen years afterwards that Professor Wright, of Oberlin, published his discovery of the fact that the glacier did cross the river in the vicinity of Cincinnati, and extended a few miles south into Kentucky. When I read his statement I at once recalled what you had told me years before relative to your find on the old Washington Trace.

Very truly yours,

W. O. CODDER.

FALMOUTH, KY., May 18, 1903.

Dr. Guy Potter Benton, Oxford, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—Having learned that you had recently been in correspondence with Dr. J. H. Barbour, in regard to his discovery of glacial drift south of the Ohio River; I would like to state that, while reading medicine with the doctor during the years 1884 to 1886 inclusive, we had frequent talks upon geological subjects. On a number of these occasions he spoke of having found, sometime about the year 1850, a large granite boulder in the northern part of Pendleton County, Kentucky, and several miles south of the Ohio River.

This discovery being contrary to the accepted teaching of geology at that time, led the doctor to comment on the subject; and being perfectly familiar with the drift in Ohio, he examined the specimen carefully and stated that there could be no doubt of its glacial origin.

A thorough investigation of the matter would doubtless reveal the fact, that this was the first discovery of glacial drift extending south of the Ohio River.

Very Respectfully,

J. E. WILSON.

Some Freshman Poetry.

The following poems were handed in, as a class exercise, to the instructor in English by the members of the Freshman English class.

THE CLASS OF 1907.

To the quiet town of Oxford
Not so very long ago,
Came a band of merry students,
Seeking that their minds should grow.

In this quiet town of Oxford,
Stands a college old and great,
Stands the college of Miami,
The best college in the state.

To this grand, old place of learning,
Came these students with a will,
Came with heart and hand for effort,
Their true mission to fulfill.

They are proud of Old Miami,
And I'm sure that there'll be given
Some new merits to her annals,
By the class of ninety-seven.

BEWARE.

I knew a bull dog fair to see
Take care,
He could both false and friendly be
Beware, beware,
Approach him not, he might harm thee.

There was a maiden fair to see
Take care,
She owned the bull dog fair to see
Beware, beware,
Approach them not, they might harm thee.

A young man once this maid to see
Took care,
The bull dog fair he did not see,
Beware, beware,
Follow him not, he might harm thee.

This young man to the house did go
Less care.
The bull dog him did meet just so
Beware, oh where
Did the young man end this tale of woe.

THE FALLEN LEAF.

You have waved upon the bough,
All the summer until now,
Little leaf;
You have feasted many a creature,
You have made a summer sweeter,
Little leaf.

You have gladdened many an eye,
As upon the path you lie,
Little leaf;
You have made their cares seem slighter,
You have made a day the brighter,
Little leaf.

You have made all things seem clear,
As I gaze down on you here,
Little leaf;
You have loosed full many a fetter,
You have made a whole life better,
Little leaf.

A DREAM.

When I was in the high school,
A country lad so bright,
I dreamed of Old Miami
Of the glorious red and white.
I thought of Oxford College
With her maids so bright and fair
And I fancied I could find one—
My maiden waiting there.

Now I am in college
A freshmen soft and green.
My room-mate is a senior
And at times he is quite mean.
He took me to the college
The pretty girls to see
But, alas, the one I longed for
Was not waiting there for me.

I long to be a senior
To free from care my brain

Having sessions in the "Dorm"
Of cigars and champagne;
To go up to the College
And be the right real thing;
To buggy ride with "co-eds"
In the chapel choir to sing.

She's pure gold to all who know her
But to me who love her best—
Of all joy and hope and comfort
She's made me to be possessed.
Is she fair? In truth, I know not,
And it matters not to me.
This I know—that through all ages
She is what I'd have her be.
She is kind, and she is gentle,
Still with strength of mind and heart.
Wise and winsome to all with her,
With a truth free from all art.

Robert Burns.

"I picture you as one who kneeled,
A stranger at his own hearthstone;
One knowing all, yet all unknown;
One seeing all, yet all concealed."

Miller.

In the latter half of the eighteenth century Scotland was famed for her intellectual giants. Literary and philosophical thought of the age were drawn to Edinburgh to center about that assemblage of men, each of whom has left his name in undying characters upon the intellectual history of the time. In this age David Hume published to the world his great, philosophic essays; Adam Smith in his "Wealth of Nations" proved himself the greatest economic thinker of the times. In this period too William Robertson lived and put forth those histories which have influenced and directed all later historic research. Innumerable other illustrious names meet us when we take even the most superficial glance into the period. But standing out more and more as it recedes, above and apart from them all, representing no phase of thought, no literary movement, belonging to no class, but to all mankind, is the name of Robert Burns.

What sympathetic chords of love and pity the mention of that name inspires. A life so noble in its conception, so pitiful in its execution, so tragic in its end.

In a two-room cottage, in the little village of Alloway, Ayrshire, on the twenty-fifth day of January, 1759, this peasant poet was born. His boyhood life was spent in toil and penury. His were the hardships and trials of Scottish peasant life. His were their joys and triumphs. In early youth his mind was filled and his imagination kindled by the rich traditions and superstitions of the peasantry. On the ballads and songs of Ferguson and Ramsay the young intellect feasted; and soon in his own peculiar rhythm, he began to pour out the emotions of that tenderest heart that ever throbbed. He lived in an age most unfavorable to the cultivation of poetry. The Scottish mind was directed with all its native intensity, as never before or since, to the study of theology and philosophy. Into such an atmosphere of national thought, into an age when poetic genius was pronounced impossible, this inspired singer came.

It is often objected to Burns that he has given us no great poetic work worthy of his genius. Milton has said, "He who would write a heroic poem must make his whole life a heroic poem." This life was a heroic tragedy. Urged ever to the excitements of dissipation by the customs of the time, by the flatteries and blandishments of the great, by the force of his own ardent passions, we see his high ideals constantly shattered. But as he himself has so pathetically said "Who knows what's resisted." Assuredly we do not. He alone comprehended the force and violence of that constant struggle in his breast. If he sometimes failed to conquer, to pronounce the measure of his condemnation is not for us. Success, with all, is only a matter of degree. Uniform success, perfect self-complacency, are possible to him alone who aspires to nothing high.

Burns' aspirations were the noblest. "To live for duty and poetry" is as he expressed them. We can hardly regret that he fell so far short of this ideal. True perhaps in a way it is to be regretted that he has given us no great poetic masterpiece, imposing by the very massiveness and grandness of its conception. But the production of any such great work implies a steadiness and consistency of purpose most alien to that checkered life so pathetically seen in his lyrics and songs. Consider too that he was stricken down in his thirty-seventh year, before perhaps that remarkable genius had reached the fulness of its powers, certainly before mature judgment had laid her tempering hand on the wild impetuous spirit of the youth. Had fate been less cruel, had she permitted him the three-score years and ten allotted by nature to man, what an imposing monument to his genius he might have builded. Milton spent a space of

time equal almost to the whole life of Burns in preparing alone to write his great masterpiece. Who would not rather have the simple, natural poetry of Burns than another stately dignified "Paradise Lost," unapproachable by many on account of this very stateliness and dignity. Carlyle says "If a university education had been permitted Burns, he would have come forth, not a rustic wonder, but a well trained intellectual workman, and revolutionized the whole of British literature." But is not such a work inconceivable in connection with this poet's life. His intense genius, his twenty-fold nature itself precludes the possibility of his submitting to the restraints of the trained scholar's mind; of his being hampered and confined by conventionalities of thought. Then too, does it not seem to us who have learned to love the "rustic wonder" that the intellectual workman would be far different from our Robert Burns. It is this very rustic wonder that we love; it is primeval untutored strength in the man that appeals to us, and places him above and beyond the intellectual workmen, of his own and other ages. Our universities are constantly producing intellectual workmen, perhaps sometimes in the process destroying, a Burns. Let us rather then rejoice that circumstances have placed this one beyond their reach and left him to us with all the uniqueness of his native ability and with all the simplicity of his peasant class.

He was born the peasant's poet, and till the end of his life he remained the peasant's poet. He never aspired to anything else. He never sought his muse in realms other than those, in which as a boy he "paddled in the burn, from morning sun till noon." An eminent writer has said, "A Scottish peasant's life was the meanest and rudest of all lives, until Burns became poet in it and a poet of it; found it a man's life, and therefore significant to men." What a picture the poet has given in the "Cotter's Saturday Night" of his own peasant home. We see the happy homecoming, at the end of the week's labor: we hear the cheerful gossip and jokes as they sit about their humble porridge bowl; we hear the solemn words "Let us worship God"; and we see the humble family kneel with all the sincere devotion of their intense nature.

With this picture of such a home life, so happy, so pure, so free from all the blighting vices of the time, one is inclined to wonder at the wild and fitful life of the poet after that home was destroyed. Need we seek the reasons further than the intense passions of the youth—passions that psychologists have declared ten or even twenty-fold in their strength; passions that even his iron resolution, could not master. Would we have him less passionate? we would quench the very sources and fountains of his song. For none but a Burns with his twenty-fold passion would find poetry in this hard dry age, and in the peasant class among which he lived.

His genius had the charm of magic for these simple uncultured people. Admiring groups follow him as he travels from village to village. At midnight the announcement that Burns is under the roof is sufficient to arouse the sleeping guests in the tavern, and bring them all to the common room, there to listen till dawn to the verses of their inspired fellow peasant. In spite of this popularity and the kindness resulting therefrom, Burns was haunted by a constantly growing remorse. The consciousness of his utter inability to stand against the onrushing of his own fierce passions made him most miserable. Weary, heartsick, discouraged, he sings his wild farewell to Scotland:

"Farewell my friends, farewell my foes;
My peace with these; my love with those;
The bursting tears my heart declare;
Adieu, my native banks of Ayr."

At this crisis he is invited to Edinburgh. The wit, the learning, the beauty of this center yield to the charm of the young peasant: tall, muscular, heavy brows, dark tender eyes that Scott called the most beautiful in the world. With a single stride he stepped from the furrow into the most exclusive drawing rooms of Edinburgh. The roughness of his own hillside farm was on him; the sweetness of the mountain daisy was in him. None were too high to do him homage; none so great but he found a spark of something greater within this man. His poems, his magnetic person, stirred staid Edinburgh as she had never been stirred before. Yet he emerged from it all still the poet in the peasant's life; the poet of the peasants life.

It is however in Scottish song that Burns is best loved and remembered by the great mass of English speaking people the world over. Someone has said "Let me make the songs of a people and I care not who makes their laws." Rarely do we think how much truth lies in this assertion. Every day we respond to the emotions embodied in the words of some simple song; and imperceptibly it may be, but surely, the delicately poised balance of our lives swings up or down. The man never yet lived, so hardened, so debased, that some song would not appeal to and waken within his savage bosom those "longings, yearnings, strivings, for the good he comprehends not." How the French heart leaped and bounded with an enthusiasm it could not repress at the inspiring power of the Marsellaise. So how the Scottish hearts must thrill and throb at the fiery words of their grand battle hymn, "Scots Who Have with Wallace Bled," or how they must soften and melt at the pathetic strains of "Mary in Heaven"; or how tingle with that "joy akin to sadness, that greeting like farewell" of "Auld Lang Syne."

If Burns had written nothing else, these songs alone would give him immortality. They bear aloft on the wings of their own music to those soul regions to which no "long resounding march, or energy divine" can hope to attain. Yet in the most commonplace he finds a fit subject for poetry. He had seen nature smile, and he had seen her frown. He knew how to interpret her varying moods with a poetic feeling most intense. With whom is joy so free and happy? with whom is grief so poignant? Who gives a more gentle love? or who a tenderer sympathy, than Burns? How unpromising a theme is his "Jolly Beggars," yet, he shows us the revelry, the merriment, the pathos, in short, the poetry, that is hidden beneath the squalor and rags of this tramp's home. The mountain daisy, even the wee timorous mouse struck within him those chords to sympathy and love for all God's creatures, even the most lowly, and as a result we have two of the most exquisite little poems in the language.

Burns has, nevertheless, no weak sentimentality. He is free from all extravagances. His poetry is but nature, untrammelled and unadorned. The rugged strength, the native grace of Scotland, bears his verses along in never-wearying measures; the green fields, the mountain breezes temper his most passionate flights; and underneath it all we see the strong clear current of his poetry, and are conscious of its latent power. In intensity of feeling, in vividness and naturalness of expression we can safely affirm Burns to be the greatest of all British poets.

Though he has not left us as many thousand lines as some poets have done, yet what he has left is the more precious and will be handed down, a treasured heritage, through the ages. One author said, "Burns's poems are but little rhymed fragments scattered here and there in the great unrhymed romance of his earthly existence." But these songs, these poems, fragmentary as they are shall not pass from the memory of man. Let the mighty rivers of Shakespeare and Milton roll on. But the traveller through the vast country of thought will often turn to this little fountain bubbling among the rocks of Scotland, and drink deep of its pure waters fresh from the heart of nature. The thirst that these waters alone can quench is as eternal and universal as the race itself.

The humble Ayrshire ploughman lies today, dust, among the dust of all the greatness of his time. And not until his death did Scotland comprehend the greatness of her son, or the exquisite feeling of the heart she had chilled by her neglect. "His true life began only with his death. With his body passed all that was gross and impure. The clear spirit stood revealed and soared at once to its accepted place among the fixed stars in the firmament of the immortals." In every tongue of every land, while the human soul has aspirations, while the human heart needs sympathy, Robert Burns will live. From the humble peasant cottage he appeals to us. From every walk of life we respond "Robert Burns, immortal, eternal in our hearts."

Department of Physics at Miami.

Physics has this year been made a separate department in Miami University. Up to this time Chemistry and Physics have been under the direction of one professor, but the importance of both branches of study and the difficulty of one man directing both, at least to his own satisfaction, made the division necessary.

The study of physics is every day becoming more a necessity for all who would have a proper basis for understanding the nature of modern progressive life; or purely as a matter of knowledge of things physical which enter largely into modern discussions and literature; and particularly for those young men, and there are many, who are looking forward to an industrial career.

It is intended to so equip this department that students may be able to pursue a course in physics to as great advantage in Miami University as in any first class college of the land.

At present Professor Culler is directing three courses.

1. An elementary course with laboratory in which Mr. Pattison is assistant.

2. A course in general physics in the Sophomore year, which is a study of the principles of physics and consists of lectures, recitations, and experiments.

3. A course of advanced experimental work in the Junior year. In this course the student learns to manipulate instruments of precision and to make the essential tests and determinations, particularly in mechanics, heat and electricity.

At present no engineering courses, strictly so-called, are offered by the university, and probably a technical course of that kind is not desirable unless a sufficient appropriation can be secured to establish and equip a separate department which shall be among the best of its kind.

A poorly equipped engineering department cannot furnish the kind of men wanted in the field for which such a course would profess to prepare.

Whether there is a technical engineering course or not, Miami University does profess to be and is, or will be, able to give a first class course in physics which must precede first class work in engineering; and young men who complete the work in physics will be able in a short time to complete the purely technical work in some institution equipped for the purpose.

The laboratory at Miami University is fairly well equipped for the work proposed, the greatest need being in the advanced experimental work. For this there is need of more instruments of precision. Here the work is mainly quantitative and must be exact. This has been

called the age of the fifth decimal place and experiments which approximate that degree of exactness are desirable but the necessary apparatus costs money. The department is equipped with some instruments of this kind, particularly for measurements in electricity and calorimetry. It is expected to add instruments of this character from time to time as appropriations will permit. It would require the expenditure of about \$1,200 to supply present needs in a moderate way.

There is also need of another room specially furnished for doing certain kinds of work in a satisfactory way. This is particularly true for experimental work in light and those tests which require an immovable foundation.

With the increased enrollment promised in this department the present quarters will be cramped for the laboratory work.

At present there are forty students enrolled in the classes in physics.

The intense industrial spirit of the age has created a demand for a knowledge of the property and laws of matter and energy, and of means by which they can be used to the greatest advantage. Students seeking such information and training will not be disappointed at Miami University.

University Senate.

At the meeting of the University Senate, November 3rd, two matters of interest were settled. The Thanksgiving recess is fixed from 4 p. m. Wednesday, November 25th till 10:30 a. m. Chapel, on Monday, November 30th.

A rule was passed that the members of the Chorus class be subject to the same regulation in regard to absences that applies to absences from all regular class exercises. This is interpreted to mean that while no college credit is given for work in the chorus class, those who enter the class will be held strictly for attendance, and cannot withdraw without the consent of their Dean.

The present enrollment is 261.

During the last week in October Dr. Benton addressed a circular letter to each of the living alumni, requesting them to add such information to the brief statement in the last Alumni catalogue as will bring our records up to date. Over one hundred answers have already been received. It is planned to use all the material that comes in this way for THE STUDENT, and thus to have some note on every living alumnus in THE STUDENT during this year. The Alumni Editor is doing everything possible to make that department more valuable and interesting than ever before, and if the alumni themselves send in all the news they can they will certainly find much interesting matter in this year's STUDENT.

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Editorial.

An Explanation

Our October issue came out a week and a half late. In justice to the Editors it should be said that this was due to no fault of theirs. An effort will be made always to appear promptly on the third Wednesday of each month. But misconnections sometimes occur, particularly in amateur work, so reader, be tolerant, for we are very much amateurs.

The Purdue Wreck

The recent railroad wreck in which the Purdue foot-
ball team and students suffered so terribly sent a shud-
der of horror throughout the college world. There is something especi-
ally awful about the fate that descended so suddenly and so
overwhelmingly upon this hopeful band of students. This is a calamity,
greater than which, none has befallen any college in many years; and
one which will mark a day most disastrous in the history of the Purdue
University. The sincerest sympathy of the students of Miami goes out
to our sister college in her misfortune.

A Glee Club

Miami at last has a musical organization that does her
credit, and bids fair to be the most successful and most
popular club of the year, *i. e.*, the orchestra, thanks to Dr. Myers.
Heretofore for special music on ordinary occasions Miami has had to
depend upon outside sources. Now, let us hope, all this is a thing of
the past. There is no reason why the musical ability in Miami should
be less than in our neighbor colleges. This year very great advantages
are offered in music and its study facilitated.

The first fruits of this new condition is the orchestra. Now where is the "Glee Club?" There has been talk of such an organization, and we hope that in the near future it will be as much a pulsing, throbbing reality as the orchestra or chorus class. There is nothing that so lightens the burdens of college life as a good Glee Club, nothing that so adds to its pleasures. Miami has never had a Glee Club, at least not in many years, so let us hope that 1903 will know a good one.

Class Distinction One of the weakest points in the internal life of the student body of Miami University is the lack of class distinction. A good vigorous class spirit, class rivalry, class enmity, if you will, will do more to make the student body a compact unity, will enthuse a greater *esprit de corps* than any other element in college life. A Freshman is not a Senior, nor is a Prep. a Freshman. Yet this fact is lost sight of almost entirely. The Prep. is as egotistic and self-assertive as the Sophomore, and all consider themselves advisers of the upper classmen. Wherever the interests of the university are concerned this downy-faced adviser is heard to proclaim his wisdom. We would not discourage individuality and self-reliance, nor would we pretend to say that four years of college experience puts the man beyond need of advice; but it is always safer, and certainly more becoming for the underclassman to assume the contrary.

That such a condition of affairs exists at Miami is partly the result of our peculiar circumstances. If the academy occupied a separate building its students would realize more perhaps that they are after all only High School students specially favored. But more perhaps than the above it is the result of a circumstance completely within the control of the college classes. Academy students are pledged to fraternities and formerly they have often been taken into full membership. While this is a matter that concerns the fraternities directly and chiefly, it is also a matter that concerns us all. It places these two departments, the college and academy, on a false equality, and in many cases it is an equality that is detrimental to the individual himself. Some people can not stand to be treated as equals. There are, of course, many exceptions: the majority of cases are perhaps exceptions. Nevertheless the rule holds. And among the college students proper there is no clear, distinct feeling that each of the classes is a separate unity with the whole. About the only demonstration of class spirit that we have seen in previous years has been the time-honored and time-hallowed Freshman-Sophomore tower fight. This year the faculty has disapproved this, in fact, prohibited it, and we may say, with reason. For it was a custom not only demoralizing to the interests of the University, but foolhardy and perilous in the extreme, with nothing to recommend it except the fact that previous classes had proven their right to recognition by this

custom. Nothing has been offered as a substitute and all suggestions of other contests between the classes as a whole have been frowned down. But there must be something in which every member of the class can fight for the class, unless the classes are to degenerate into a mere conglomerate mass, without individuality, without aggressiveness, without unity. Football games, etc., are inadequate, for in these eleven men from each class win or lose for the class. It is the thrill of personal contest that awakens the spirit of loyalty and love for the cause; and a proper conception of the mutual relation between the man and his class, emphasized in the underclassmen years by a good, hard fight or two will last while the memory of college life lasts.

Apropos of this is the struggle between the Freshman and Sophomore class at O. S. U. That one class should lay down a set of rules to which another class should conform is protested against by several members of the O. S. U. faculty as "petty tyranny." But as "*The Lantern*" remarks, "it is a tyranny that leaves a warm spot in the heart," and assuredly it is a tyranny that engenders a wholesome class spirit.

If we do not have this 'petty tyranny' at Miami let us at least have something that will compel the members of the classes to unite for the sake of their common cause; and something by which the Freshmen can show their nerve and mettle, which if proven, will carry them through their college life, a body of students that will command respect and can respect themselves.

The Night Shirt Parade In our Exchange Column is an extract from the O. S. U. *Lantern* which is very suggestive along the line of the above. The annual night shirt parade of Miami has for several years been the first and greatest rally night of the men of the University. It has always been a night when the spirit of pure, harmless fun prevailed. How one can see any suggestion of indecency in this custom is incomprehensible to him who permits himself to look upon the matter in the spirit of those who enter into it. How anyone, particularly the one who occupies a position in municipal affairs of the town that honors him, could see a spirit of vandalism and wanton destructiveness in the boys on the occasion of their last walk-around is yet more puzzling. Nevertheless on this occasion the spirits of the boys were more or less damped by these very reasons. Contrast this attitude with the healthful, hearty spirit that prevails on all sides at O. S. U.

Now this custom with us has become almost a tradition. We have no sympathy with that college man who recently said "We don't know what tradition means; we haven't any; tradition and sentiment are vain words; we are strictly *fin de siècle*." Miami University has traditions which are dear to her; the student body has others which are as significant. Shall this one be given up because of the attitude of a few people.

University Notes.

On Sunday, October 18, 1903, at two-thirty p. m. was held the eighth university service in the Miami chapel. Rev. C. E. Schenck, pastor of the M. E. church at Hamilton, Ohio, preached an excellent sermon on "Jesus the Master." Very pleasing music was furnished by the Miami Choral society, and orchestra led by Dr. S. S. Myers, our director of music. The anthem, "God Shall Charge His Holy Angels" is one of Dr. Myers' productions.

Dr. Thomas E. Green, rector of the Episcopal church at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, gave us the first number of the Union Lyceum Lecture Course, on Thursday evening, October 22nd. Dr. Green delivered a lecture on "The Key to the Twentieth Century." He is very popular as a lecturer, and shows much power as an orator. While the lecture might be mildly criticised for its lack of unity, it was greatly enjoyed, perhaps mainly because of the energy and force of the speaker.

All the classes in the College of Liberal Arts have perfected their organizations, and following are the names of the class presidents: Senior, John L. Baker; Junior, Benjamin C. Sharp; Sophomore, Clarence C. West; Freshman, Floyd C. Williams.

The German club, which was just recently organized, held its first meeting Friday evening, October 30, at Prof. Brandon's. The meetings will probably be held hereafter on Thursday evenings. The object of these meetings is to cultivate fluency in German conversation.

Prof. McIlwaine is planning to organize a night class in the history of Ohio. It is intended to study such interesting subjects as The Symmes Purchase, The Western Reserve, The Underground Railroad, The Mounds of Ohio, Simon Kenton, The Greenville Treaty, and many others.

Some very interesting old books have recently been donated to the Miami University library by Rev. Dr. John Buck Smith of the class of 1858. Dr. Smith, who is now president of Mary Allen Seminary at Crockett, Texas, founded the Elliott Greek prize of Miami University in 1893, in honor of the late Prof. Charles Elliott, professor of Greek in Miami University from 1849 to 1863. Among the books donated by Dr. Smith is a large copy of a Greek Bible in a finely executed leather binding. This book was printed in 1545 which was not long after the Reformation. An interesting feature of the book is the marginal notes which were perhaps written by some old monk. Another very interesting book is "The Meditations of Augustine," which was printed in Latin by Martin Flach, at Strasburg, in 1491. This was before the Reformation, and even before the discovery of America by Columbus. This volume is desirable in a bibliographical point of view, as it affords

an excellent specimen of Flach's printing. Dr. Smith also donated Chapman's Homer's Odyssey and Iliad, and many other old books of interest and value.

Also, a great many Greek and Latin lexicons, old French text-books, etc., were recently donated by the son of Dr. David W. Guy, who was once a student at Miami university.

Besides these donations a large number of department books have been purchased this year for the library. There are now 19,587 books in our library, and it is interesting to know that \$1500 is annually appropriated for library purposes.

The Erodolphian Literary Society.

This society is in a very flourishing condition. "Nine new members have been taken in since the beginning of school, and the boys are still looking for more good men. Several of these new men have already proved to be valuable acquisitions. Some are characterized by ability to think and fluency of speech, and some also by droll humor. We have have had some interesting essays and talks, some of the latter of which have been excellent extemporaneous efforts. Another interesting feature of the program is the weekly review of current events. In the debates the boys have settled some momentous questions, such as Government Ownership of Railroads, Compulsory Education, Is Deception Ever Justifiable? etc. The weekly drill in parliamentary law is one of the most important, practical and helpful exercises of the literary society. Parliamentary law is one of the things that we learn to do by doing. Of course, a study of the text is essential, but the real practice is just as necessary. The boys are getting a drill in organizing, conducting, and presiding over meetings. There is every reason to believe that the Erodolphians will achieve even greater things than last year.

The Miami Union Literary Society.

Under the leadership of Dr. E. C. Hayes a mass meeting of the students was held in the Chapel, October 2, to ascertain the advisability of reorganizing The Miami Union Literary Society. Addresses were made by members of the faculty advising such a step. Much enthusiasm was shown on the part of the student body and a committee composed of Gries, Smith and Baker was appointed to consult with the faculty committee on student organizations in regard to organization. The student committee secured twenty-two men willing to become members and a meeting for reorganization was held October 9, Prof. Hughes '92, presiding, Geo M. Shera, acting as secretary. After the new men were duly made members the following officers were elected: President, H. S.

Smith; vice president, Amos Markey; secretary, John L. Baker; treasurer, Wm. Phebus; critic, Wm. H. Altamer; sergeant-at-arms, Harry Newman. Addresses were made by Doctors Benton, Hepburn and Hayes, and other faculty members present. Short talks were made by the new members. Dr. Hayes was made an honorary member.

All are looking forward to a pleasant, prosperous and profitable year.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The membership committee reports that a large number of students have joined the Association, but the committee are working toward securing every man, that the membership register will be complete and the best on record for Miami.

Bible classes under Association auspices are held in the various churches this year. Every man should join one of these classes. The teachers are thoroughly prepared to give good instruction, and to be a member of one of these classes is an exceptional privilege.

On October 4th, Major Roy Haynes of Miami Military Institute addressed the boys in an inspiring manner. We hope he will again visit us.

On October 11th, Robert E. Pye led the meeting. The topic was "The Secret of Strength." The central thought of the talk by the leader was that prayer is the secret of strength.

On October 25th, John B. Ferguson, of Camden, Ohio, was expected to lead, but owing to an accident he was unable to be present, and Professor McIlwaine took charge of the meeting. The Association enjoys the helpfulness of the Faculty. Prof. McIlwaine proves to be an all round Association man, and he gave us a talk that will long be remembered for its practical help.

The President of the Y. M. C. A. is desirous of forming Mission-study classes and it is hoped that a ready response will be made toward organizing and establishing this important work.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

Twenty-nine new members have been received into the Young Women's Christian Association.

On Sunday, October 25th, Mrs. Benton addressed the Y. W. C. A. in a very helpful and inspiring manner on the topic, "What It Means to a College Girl to be a Christian."

Bernice Pansing and Julia L. Bishop have been elected delegates to the Y. W. C. A. convention to be held at Oberlin, Ohio, November 5-8.

Normal Notes.

Quite a number of our students attended the meeting of the South-western Teachers' Association, at Hamilton, on the 24th of last month. It speaks well for the school that so many of our students were present and the glowing reports brought back by them show that the meeting was not only profitable but enjoyable to all who attended. There were several excellent addresses delivered; among them, an address by Professor Edwin Brown, superintendent of the Dayton schools; one by Prof. Dial, the president of the association, and a talk on "Social Ideas of Education," by Dr. G. P. Benton, president of Miami University. Another interesting feature was the Dayton quartette, but this was eclipsed by one far more interesting, at least to our girls, the presence of Prof. F. B. Dyer, the former dean of the Normal school. The girls vote him "the same good-natured whole-souled Professor Dyer" we used to know and they bring back to us his words of encouragement.

The Sophomore Normal class held its class election Friday afternoon, October 30, the following officers being elected: President, Miss Cora Orem; Vice president, Miss Sophia Schaeuble; Secretary, Miss Isabelle Geiser; Treasurer, Miss Florence Meredith.

The theatrical company, composed of members of the Freshmen Normal class, is making rapid progress. Under the direction of the stage manager, Miss Anna E. Logan, the actors are playing their parts to perfection and already several "stars" have been found. Their production of Rhoecus, Little Red Riding Hood, and that well known story of Ulysses, were to say the least, very exciting, and those who have once witnessed the presentation of these dramas by the Normals can certainly never forget them.

While the Freshmen are distinguishing themselves on the stage, the Sophomores are winning a name for the Normal class of '04 by their work in the Oxford public schools! Oh, the joys of teaching! where are our fond dreams of the ideal class-room and the ideal teacher? Just one day of practical teaching and the dreams begin to fade; a few more days and they have vanished. We pity the teacher, ourselves, and lastly, the poor, unfortunate pupils who chance to be the victims of our various schemes and devices in the "teaching art." How fully do we realize that theory and practice are two different things? However "Practice makes perfect," so who knows but that the class of '04 may send out teachers of world-wide fame and reputation?

Professor Minnich, our present dean, delivered an address at the meeting of the Teachers' Association at Oberlin, October 30. Judging from reports the address was excellent and we have a dean of whom we may well be proud.

The Central Ohio Teachers' Association will hold a meeting at Cleveland the first of next month. Dean Minnich and Miss Logan both expect to attend, so we may rest assured that we will at least be represented, if it is impossible for any of our students to attend.

Perhaps it would not be amiss to call the attention of our students to our sister training school at Athens, Ohio, which, under the guidance of Dean Williams, is making such rapid progress this year. There has been a large increase in enrollment, and a very earnest and enthusiastic class of students are in attendance. We are sure that both the Dean and the school have our best wishes for a successful year and hope that, from both Athens and Miami, there may go out this year an earnest and enthusiastic corps of teachers.

Oh, say, have you seen Professor Hoke?

Any one desiring special lessons in music (especially staff-drills) apply to Miss Luella Crugar.

One of Prof. Feeney's maxims: "Never pull gray hairs during mathematics' class."

Prof. P.—"Did you ever see a curbstone walking along the street?"

For the exact location of Indian Hill, apply either to Miss Vida DeMar or Prof. Parker.

The Sophomore class in Education is studying "Mulcaster."

Conversation between two students:

"They have no Dean at the Normal school this year, have they?"

"Oh, yes, they have. I saw him the other day."

Miss Edith Morril and Miss Ethel Culver, of Dayton, Ohio, were guests, the past week, of Miss Isabelle Geiser and Miss Florence Meridith.

The Normal girls are delighted to welcome back to Oxford, Mrs. Hoke, the wife of Professor Hoke, our Nature teacher. During her short stay with us last winter we had learned to love her, and we hope that she may enjoy a delightful year among us and her other Oxford friends.

The Normal Basket Ball team is making rapid progress and all indications are favorable for an excellent team. We have the "stuff"; all we need is practice and this we can get with a little hard work and earnest effort. We will soon show the Liberal Arts team that they must fight for the honors, if they expect to win them.

On Saturday evening, October 31, the Normal School celebrated Halloween in the east wing of the main building with a taffy pull. Thanks to the combined efforts of Miss Logan and the girls who busied themselves over the candy kettles, a very delightful evening was spent by all

present. The features of the evening were flinch, ping-pong, candy, and Peter with his pleasant smile and buttonhole bouquet. After a typical Hallowe'en feast the girls separated for the evening, the most exciting incident of the evening being the attack made by the half-famished representatives of the stronger sex, which, thanks to the efforts of our gallant Peter, was repulsed with the loss of a single china plate to the victorious side. May it ever prove a delight to those who now possess it!

Prof. P. wants a life-time pass to Cincinnati.—Wonder why!

On Tuesday evening, October 13, Professor Feeney very delightfully entertained the Normal School faculty and the members of the Sophomore class with an informal reception. The girls spent a jolly time together and before the evening was over felt that they were fairly well acquainted with the new members of the faculty. After Professor Hoke had exhausted the special edition of the evening paper, printed to suit his fancy, a dainty luncheon was served and the guests took their departure all having spent a most enjoyable evening.

On Wednesday, November 4th, the Misses Julia Bishop and Bernice Pansing will leave to attend the Y. W. C. A. convention at Oberlin, as delegates from our own organization. We feel sure the girls will have a pleasant trip and that they will bring back to us an interesting and helpful report.

Athletics.

On Saturday, October 10th, Miami met DePauw University on the gridiron at Greencastle, Ind., and was defeated by the score of 11 to 0. It was a very interesting game and Miami deserves great credit for the showing she made against the heavier and faster team.

Line up:

R. E.....	Milholland
R. T.....	Morphy
R. G.....	Perry
C.....	Brandenburg
L. E.....	Blickensderfer
L. T.....	Riese
L. G.....	Stevenson
D.....	Williams
R. H.....	Reed
L. N.....	Wood
Full.....	Kaye

Miami defeated University of Cincinnati at Cincinnati, October 17, by a score of 15 to 0. The game was well played and Cincinnati was simply outclassed. Wood was easily the star of the game making long end runs almost at will. We were very happy over this victory as it has been several years since Miami defeated Cincinnati on the gridiron.

Kentucky State College defeated Miami at Lexington, October 24, by the score of 47 to 0. The game was too one-sided to be very interesting. Kentucky outweighed Miami considerably and was really one of the best teams Miami has played in recent years. Hereafter Kentucky games will not be considered, as clean athletics is unknown to any team with which Miami has come in contact.

St. Xavier easily defeated Miami on their grounds in Cincinnati, October 31. Miami was outweighed and outplayed and could do nothing to hold down the score which was 33 to 0.

Owing to the fact that a number of the teams have been disabled it was deemed advisable to cancel the game with Wabash on November 7. It is probable that the balance of the schedule will be declared off.

Society Notes.

On the evening of October 10th a reception was tendered the Freshman class of the College of Liberal Arts and Normal classes by Mrs. Richards. Quite a number of the faculty were present including Dr. and Mrs. Benton, Dr. Myers and wife, Dean Feeney, Prof Hadsel, Prof. Wildman and Mrs. Angell. The first part of the evening was spent in getting acquainted and having a good time in general. Lemon ice, cake and delicious punch were served. After spending considerable time in general conversation, all were seated in a semi-circle and listened to an interesting recitation, "The Gypsy's Daughter," by Miss Grace Carnahan. The solos rendered by Miss Cone and Miss Zeffass were thoroughly enjoyed. The company was then requested to seat themselves, lady and gentleman alternating for the progressive conversation which followed. Dean Feeney was master of ceremonies, announcing the topics and tapping the bell for the gentlemen to pass on to the next lady. When the topics were exhausted a committee was appointed to decide which gentleman was to be awarded the prize for his conversational ability. The chairman, Mr. Swan announced the unanimous decision in favor of Prof. Hadsel, who was presented with a handsome book. After several pieces of music were played the crowd dispersed thanking their hostess for the way in which she had so pleasantly entertained them during the entire evening.

The musical given at Oxford College, Monday evening, October 12th, was a very enjoyable event. Miss Thayer, assisted by Miss Sloneker, contralto; Mr. Schaefer, basso; Mr. Hooven, of Hamilton, O., tenor, and

Miss Hite and Prof. Vrendenberg, of Oxford College, gave a delightful program of two parts. Miss Norris, of Oxford, was accompanist and performed her part in her usual excellent manner. The chapel was crowded with the many friends of the participants, and the soloists were all in excellent voice. The second part of the program consisted of the rendition of "A Persian Garden." Miss Thayer is not only to be congratulated upon her own share of the program but also upon giving us the opportunity of spending so pleasant an evening.

On Monday afternoon, October 26, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Porter and the elders wives of the Presbyterian Church threw open the Manse to the sixty-five Presbyterian girls from Oxford College, and the young men of Miami, who are members of Dr. Porter's and Dr. Culler's classes in the Sabbath School. The reception was very informal, so with the raking of leaves and playing of old-fashioned games, the hours passed quickly, and towards the close of the afternoon the young folks were served in the basement of the Manse, to fresh rolls, doughnuts and hot coffee. After singing College songs, the guests departed to remember this pleasant afternoon and hope for another such next year.

The violin and piano recital at the Western College, October 27, was, as musical entertainments usually are, under the direction of talented musicians a complete success. The program was exceedingly well chosen and the delightful way in which it was rendered was most pleasing to the audience. Miss Williams is certainly a born musician and plays the violin beautifully. Her tones are so broad and mellow and she plays with so much feeling that it would be impossible for anyone to fail to realize her powers as a musical entertainer. The accompanist was Miss Wood, who is an unusually fine pianist and can not be too highly praised. These young ladies are fine examples of what a thorough musical education can do for any one who is naturally gifted. The entertainment was interesting throughout and the authorities of Western College under whose direction it was given may rest assured that the evening was an enjoyable one to all present.

The musical given at the home of Miss Bradley on High Street, November 2nd, was a great treat. After a program of readings and music, the guests were invited to the refreshment room, where frappe and cakes were served. At a late hour the guests departed feeling indeed very gratified to the hostess and her fair assistants who aided in making this occasion so delightful.

Fraternity Items.

Sigma Chi.

The following Sigs of last year's chapter are back in school this year: B. F. Riese '05, G. C. Fisher '05, Lou Haynes '06, J. B. Glenn '06, and F. A. Ralston '07.

Chas. L. Evans was unable to return to school this year, and is at his home at Hillsboro, Ohio.

R. K. Welliver is in the office of the Dayton, Springfield & Urbana Traction Company, at Dayton.

The present chapter has been increased by the initiation of Messrs. E. Schweickart and H. H. Eidemiller, on October 27th.

Messrs. Olson and Runnels are wearing the "blue and gold."

On October 8th, Guy S. Dennison and Elva Lena Jenkins were married. They are now at home to friends at Ross, Ohio.

Delta Kappa Epsilon.

The Dekes have comfortable quarters in the North Dormitory again this year. Fraternity parlors on the third floor.

All the undergraduate men of last year's Chapter are in school again this year.

Frank DuBois '95, recently returned from the Philippines, paid the Chapter a visit this fall; also W. H. James, E. B. Ferguson '01 and J. P. Scudder '02.

The annual fall initiation was held November 7. Bros. F. C. Williams '06, of Portsmouth, P. C. Bing '06, of Maynard, Iowa, and Albert Nunnamaker '07,

The Chapter has been visited this year by Darrell Joyce '08, H. G. Frost '01, G. S. Dennison '01, C. E. Starlin '02, C. D. Wilson '01, P. H. Watt '07, R. K. Welliver, and Roy Drew.

The Chapter has neat and pleasant quarters in the North Dormitory.

of Middletown were the candidates. The following old Dekes were in attendance: Bert S. Bartlow, Dr. Beard and Prof. R. M. Hughes '98, O. B. Finch '89, E. B. Finch '90, O. L. Stivers '96, B. M. Grove '00, E. B. Ferguson '01, J. P. Scudder '02 and J. M. Coleman '08; also from Sigma Chapter, E. L. Hill '50 and S. M. Stocking '02.

The Chapter at present has two pledge men: R. E. Pye and Luther D. Lawrence.

Mrs. Ferguson entertained the senior members of the chapter to dinner on the evening of November 6th.

Beta Theta Pi.

Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi is comfortably housed this year near the campus.

Seven men were pledged during the rushing season as follows:

Lawrence Swan '07, Bellefontaine, O., Charles McLaughlin '07, Bellefontaine, O., Bernard Gaines '07, Idlewild, Ky., Geo. Millholland '07, Sidney, O., Charles Welliver '07, Oxford, O., Homer Meeks

'07, Greensburg, Ind., John Perry, '08, Sidney, O.

These Freshmen, with the exception of Charles Welliver and including Charles Morphy '07; who was pledged last year, were initiated October 21st. The following Saturday evening Alpha Chapter banqueted at the Burnett House, Cincinnati, in conjunction with Beta Nu Chapter of that city.

Phi Delta Theta.

Bro. Hugh D. Schell '02, visited the Chapter during the first week of school. Bro. Schell is now a Sophomore in Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia.

Bro. Will Cullen, now a senior in the Yale Law School, was in Oxford one day during the rushing season.

Bro. Howard Fuller, ex-'06, is at U. I. U. this year.

On the night of October 14. Bros. Hartle, Whipple and Everett were initiated into the mysteries of Greek Fraternity life and are now wearers of the sword and shield.

Messrs. Newman, Burkhardt and O'Byrne are now wearers of the Blue and White.

Bro. Brady is not back on account of ill health, but hopes to return at the beginning of next year.

Bros. Gath, Hughey, Keller, Welsh and Sohngen have been frequent visitors at the Chapter House.

The members of Ohio Alpha were very pleasantly entertained by the members of Ohio Theta, in their rooms at the Palace when our football team met U. C.

Bro. Macready, '02, is at the Miami Medical School at Cincinnati this year.

Bro. J. R. Jamison, '02, visited the Chapter a few days during October, while on his way home from Colorado, where he spent the summer. Same old "Jargo."

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Alumni.

DR. HARGITT.

Charles W. Hargitt, who was the professor of Biology and Chemistry at Miami University, 1888-1891, has recently arrived home from an eight months' sojourn in Europe. While abroad Dr. and Mrs. Hargitt made a sight-seeing tour of Germany, Switzerland, Italy and England. Several months were spent in study at the leading German universities. In the Bay of Naples, Dr. Hargitt found a specimen of the jelly fish which had long been sought after by famous European scientists. Of this treasured specimen Dr. Hargitt will issue a treatise which is likely to be of great importance to the scientific world. Dr. Hargitt attended the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science held at Southport, England. He was made an honorary member of this scientific society. Dr. Hargitt is at present head of the biological department of the Syracuse University, New York.

1858.—Nathaniel S. Thompson died at his home in Denver, Colorado, in October, 1903, aged seventy-three years. When he graduated at Miami he received the degrees of A. B. and A. M., and the following year he became principal in the Cincinnati public schools. In 1863 he was in the paymaster's department, U. S. A., at Fortress Monroe. In 1871 he retired from business on account of ill health.

1862.—H. D. Peck has been and is still engaged in the practice of law with the firm Peck, Shaffer and Peck, Cincinnati. This firm has a large clientage and is constantly engaged in trial of important cases.

1864.—John Rusk Evans, who for several years has been a successful physician in Troy, Ohio, is now located in Philadelphia. His address is 1943 Judson street.

1866.—William Durham several years ago went to the West Indies to invest in timber and plantation lands for northern capitalists. He was the first American to invest in the Isle of Pines. He was there two years. He is now engaged in handling coal, timber and plantation lands in United States and West Indies.

1871.—Dr. James P. Ziegler has for many years been a successful physician in Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania.

1889.—Wilbur J. Greer has this year taken up the position as professor of Latin and Greek in Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas.

1892.—A. E. Krom after his return from leave of absence abroad as Williams' fellow in Harvard, has become pastor of the Beneficent Congregational church in Providence, R. I.

1893.—Edward P. Robinson has been a teacher of Latin, Chemistry, and Geometry in Bellaire High School, Bellaire, Ohio, since 1902.

1893.—Richmond A. Montgomery, Presbyterian minister in Duluth since 1899 and author of "The Secret Place" and "The Open Door" has placed his manuscript of "The Question of the Hour" which he has just completed into the hands of his publishers. Mr. Montgomery is now the secretary of the Presbytery League of Duluth, Minnesota.

1894.—William S. Earhart, who had been appointed magnetic observer for the United States Coast and Geodetic survey with headquarters at Washington, has given up this position on account of ill-health. Mr. Earhart has had eight years' experience as an electrician in all branches of the work and he could have well commanded the position appointed him.

1895.—George H. VanBuren is now an assistant and expert translator in the United States Census Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1898.—Archibald E. Layman is the professor of Latin in Greenville College, Greenville Illinois.

1898.—Emery Leroy Ferres, Jr., who graduated from the Law School of Harvard University with L. L. B., *cum laude*, has ever since then practiced law with Anderson and Anderson, the well-known lawyers on No. 35 Wall street, New York City.

1898.—Henry S. Leonard is now one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Indianapolis. He is at present the demonstrator of Histology in Central College of Physicians and Surgeons, Indianapolis. Also an alternate surgeon for the Indiana Union Traction Company. His address is 1908 Ashland Avenue.

1901.—Lee Conrey Davis has a position as secretary and treasurer of the Conrey-Davis Manufacturing Company which is engaged in the manufacturing of furniture in Shelbyville, Indiana.

1901.—Ada House has begun her second year as teacher of psychology, ethics and modern languages in Louisiana Female College, Keatchie, Louisiana.

1901.—Guy S. Dennison and Miss Elva Lena Jenkins both of the class of 1901 were married on October eighth at Peoria, Indiana. They are at home at Ross, Ohio, where Mr. Dennison holds the principalship of the schools.

1901 —Otho E. Lane has been connected with the insurance survey bureau for two years and is now engaged in the fire insurance business as special agent for Traders of Chicago, in Wisconsin and Michigan and in Kentucky and Tennessee.

1902.—Elbert Johnson is holding a very fine position as instructor of Latin and Greek in the High School in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Robert D. Williams with the class 1902 here through the Junior year, graduated at Princeton last June, taking "high honors" in Philosophy, and is now a graduate student there holding the Chancellor Green Fellowship in Mental Science.

1903.—Paul R. Merriman is the instructor in mathematics in Fairport High School, Fairport, New York.

1903.—David F. Gerber is acting as the assistant principal in the high school at Belle Center, Ohio.

1903.—Walter Fogarty has been appointed as principal in the graded school at Fairhaven, Ohio.

Locals.

The Q. T. Society used lots of "cheek" in their display on October 29.

Where were the Sophomores on the night of November 3rd?

The North Dorm senate, at its last meeting, decided to remove any mirrors that might be in Davenport's room—lest he scare himself.

Wood and Markley attended a recital at Glendale College on the evening of October 30th.

Don't fail to see Dora, the hit of the season.

Millholland entertained his father November 1st.

Howard James beat Gaz to the fire.

We are pleased to note that the Freshmen did not paint the tower.

Chas. Reade's dramatization of Tennyson's "Dora" will be presented in the chapel, Monday evening, November 28, conducted by Prof. Chapman. Benefit of Athletic Association.

Through the influence of C. James and Russel Parks, Billy Keen has renewed his cigarette license.

Marie and Lilla are becoming quite adept at playing tennis—triple fudge.

Ask John West where the ham came from.

The "Senate" is becoming tired of rabbits. Lock up your chicken coops.

It is reported that some students visited the city of Darrtown without securing permission from the president. Should this occur again strenuous measures will be taken.

Altamer said that a razor was used productively by a young man.

A youth called J-a-c-o-b-y has a promising pair of Horns. Take care, dear boy.

The Pee Wee Club met and organized after prayer meeting last Thursday night.

Four hundred and seven Miami students attended the recital at Western.

Morphy and Williams are the whole thing at the Western.

Commodore was first "sub" in the Cincinnati game.

Dr. Myers' Rooster Band has been engaged to furnish the music for the Oxford Street Fair.

Gaz Silver still manages to corner some unsophisticated youth and tell him of some of his famous exploits.

Mrs. F. W. Stone will summer in California this winter.

Cooch Gaines bids fair to become the worthy successor of Goat Glasgow.

Fudge Fye can wear any fraternity pin in college—NIT.

Captain Stone is a good shot?

Jack Perry's football record is what did the thing to Everett.

Ruth Snyder has not been "Caught on the Campus" this year.

Buddy has been appointed carrier for the R. F. D. established at the University.

Lon Haynes has at last landed a managership—of the chorus club.

Dr. McSurely says that the July Magazines will be in the library next week.

Exchange.

Early to bed and early to rise,
Does very well with preachers and guys,
But makes a man miss all the fun till
he dies—*Ex.*

"Truth is stronger than fiction" and a
deal more sensible.—*Ex.*

Imitation is the sincerest flattery.

—*Wabash.*

By a re-arrangement of the curriculum
of Yale the four years' course will be
elective and the Freshman will have
eight courses from which to make his
selections.—*Ex.*

Don't knock!—That means don't find
fault indiscriminately, where you have
no license to, where you cannot suggest
something better. If you haven't an
Athletic button on or are not doing work
that equals the wearing of one, don't
stand around and find fault with the way
athletics are being run. If you never
did any thing toward making this paper
better, don't abuse the editors. At least
be a man about it: that's something a
knocker never was.—*Ex.*

So play that when thy summons comes
to join

The innumerable caravan which moves
To that most studious realm where each
shall take

His seat, in the silent rooms of school,
Then go—not like the truant dunce, at
morn

Forced to his lessons—but sustained and
soothed

By an unfaltering trust (of future vaca-
tion), pick up thy books

Like one who takes an interesting
romance

With him, and sits down to pleasant tales,
—*C. H. S. Monthly.*

Byrne, O. S. U.'s star half back has
been declared ineligible by Prof. Waldo,
of Purdue University, the arbitrator of
the "Big Six." This is a hard blow to O.
S. U. He played last year with Miami
University, and consequently under the
"Big Six" rules, can not play until next
year.
—*Case Tech.*

The boy stood on the railroad track,
The train was coming fast;
The boy stepped off the railroad track,
And the train went whizzing past.

—*Steele Review.*

Prattling Freshie—"Please, sir; what is
a 'soak' "?

Subtle Soph.—"A 'soak,' sonny, is a
fellow who doesn't subscribe for his col-
lege paper, but sponges off his neighbor."
Ex.

College doesn't make fools; it develops
them. It doesn't make bright men; it
develops them.
—*Wooster Voice.*

Beta Theta Pi was founded at Miami
University, Oxford, Ohio, and forms with
Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi, likewise
founded at Miami, what is known as the
"Miami Triad." —*Purdue Exponent.*



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BROKE.

Broke, broke, broke, in a heartless
college town;
And I would that there were some solace
In wearing this cap and gown.

O, well for my future hopes that the
Pawn shop it honest a u d
O, well for my present needs that my
Watch is good solid gold.

And the weary time wears on, and I hear
in silence my woe;
But for the scrawl of a cherished hand
On a paper that's good for dough.

Broke, broke, broke, it seems ever my
lot to be.

O, the cash must come or my faithful
Watch will never come back to me.

E.x.

To learn or not to learn; that is the
question.

Whether 'tis nobler in mind to suffer
Low marks and zeroes of an angry
teacher,

Or to take books against unlearned
lessons

And by studying—end them.

—*Oberlin Review.*

Three or four hundred students participated in a night shirt parade Saturday night. The fellows congregated in night clothing of all shades and shapes. By courtesy of President Thompson the band was given leave to use the Ohio State instruments, and the members turned out loyally to head the procession down town.

Through the down-town streets, the railroad station, the hotels and the larger stores the procession marched. . . . The newspapers were serenaded, the pedestrians cheered, and last but not least, the Phelps School girls were treated to a round or two by the band and a dance by the ghosts.—*O. S. U. Lantern.*

Mr. Darrel Joyce, principal of the Columbian school in Hamilton, was elected superintendent of the Hamilton schools, Aug. 8, for a term of two years at \$2,500 per year. Mr. Joyce graduated from Miami University in June, but has had considerable experience as a teacher. His election was unanimous and he begins his work with the confidence of the board, the people, and the teachers.

—*Ohio Teacher.*

419 CALLS

We were called upon for 419 stenographers, bookkeepers, office clerks, etc., between January 1, '03 and September 1, '03. There is a great demand for stenographers who understand bookkeeping and general office work.

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A Message From Leap-Year.

Dear Girls:
I'm sorry I kept you waiting
so long,
But when I've explained you'll
see I'm not wrong;
'Tis my' custom to visit you
every fourth year,
But eight years have gone by
since I was last here.
For four years ago when I
thought I was due,
Father Time shut me out.
'Twas a mean thing to do.
And only because a long time
ago,
Pope Gregory XIII had ordered
it so,
But now I am coming, no worse
for the wait,
To give you a chance to deter-
mine your fate.
I wish you all well.—I am
very sincere,
As ever your helper, the coming
Leap Year.

A Visit to the Shakers.

[An essay written in 1855 by Dr. W. Mark Williams of the class of 1858. Written as a literary society essay. Except for the peculiar old style double s's and the fading of the ink it might do as a production of 1903 or 1904.]

Last spring vacation, in company with a couple of my classmates, I started on a visit to the settlement of Shakers on the Dry Fork of White Water River, about the dividing line of Hamilton and Butler Counties. Of these we had heard much. Their self-denying mode of life, the peace and harmony in which they seemed to live, the beauty of the land in which the settlement was formed, all made us anxious to see with our eyes what we had only heard with our ears.

It was a fine, clear morning and the sun shone brightly through the trees of the forest through which we made our way. Occasionally the nimble squirrel crossed our path, but when we attempted to shoot him, secreted himself among the branches. The giant oak reared his towering form on the hillside, still secure from the ax of the woodsman. Over fallen trees and through paw-paw bushes, we went on until after ascending a long hill, in the broad valley made by the stream below, we saw a collection of plain yellow houses, which told us there was the Shaker village.

We might have gazed long at the scene, made beautiful by the winding stream, its banks lined with rows of weeping willows, the broad fields dotted here and there with herds of cattle and sheep, the groves, orchards and green hedge rows. But we were impatient to proceed. Coming near the bank of the stream we saw a number of Shaker boys, under the supervision of an old man, working in the field. They were in the peculiar costume of the Shakers, which consisted of a straw hat, a gray gown not unlike a shirt, and trousers of the same material.

We crossed the stream at the mill where we found some engaged in making broom handles, brooms being one of the chief articles of manufacture. Ascending the bank we came to a plat of tableland. Here everything bore decided marks of a Shaker community. Large, sleek, matronly cows wandered along. By the roadside was a plank walk which led to the Upper Village, toward which we bent our steps.

As we entered we caught a glimpse of one of the sisters wearing a bonnet strangely contrasting with the present fashion. We had been informed that if we wished to inquire concerning the faith, the Upper Village was the place. So we entered one of the buildings and were accosted by one of the Brethren, a very intelligent looking man. Our conversation soon turned upon their religion. My companion said that if all were to become Shakers, he would be puzzled to know where the next generation would come from. "That is the old siren

song" said the Brother, and referred to that saying of Christ's: "God is able from these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." It was ludicrous sometimes to hear their perversion of Scripture. He boasted that he had obtained complete mastery over his evil passions, and was free from the abominations of the world. He believed it was possible for a man to become perfect, and expected to be saved on account of his good works.

After an interesting conversation, we left, anxious to be at the Lower Village against noon that we might be invited to dinner. We were not mistaken. We were taken to a room by ourselves, where we had a good dinner after a whole forenoon's walk. The sister that waited on us, had on a large white cap and a white handkerchief was pinned around her neck. One of us came nearly committing an unpardonable offense, by calling her Mrs., instead of Sister. She had a pale, unhealthy look, which was peculiar to all the women we saw.

While sitting in this room we saw the boys and girls coming along the walk to dinner, arranged according to their sizes, the largest first. The boys were bareheaded and each carried in his hand a pocket handkerchief. The girls had nets on their heads and handkerchiefs on their arms. The rear was brought up by an old Shaker and Shakeress.

Going around, we visited the buildings and saw the admirable contrivances for saving labor, their imported stock, their nursery and garden. Coming into the broom factory we found a number of Brethren who were anxious to implant in us the true doctrine. Having found that we were students they told us that our studies and plans were vain. We told them that we liked their rules very well, with the exception of one, and strongly declared our intention to marry, as soon as a suitable opportunity presented. Had it not been for this they might have had hopes of seeing us become Shakers. One young man, who told us that he had been preparing to be a Baptist minister and had been engaged to a young lady, was very earnest in telling us of our error. We could not but feel that he was sincere.

The Shaker leads an easy life. Regular in his habits, working moderately, it is not to be wondered at that sickness is scarcely known among them. They have abundant leisure to acquire knowledge, and some do, as the man we first conversed with, who was as intelligent as any one I ever saw. But it is a monotonous life, a dead life. Nothing to live for, no wife, or children, nothing to call out the energies and make earnest, laborious men.





These Frat Men of Ours.

FIRST PRIZE POEM BY MISS ETHEL GOFF.

If a stranger should come to Miami from Mars,
And just look about at these frat men of ours,
He might like to know how to tell them apart ;
So here are some pointers, to give him a start ;
They may not suit each individual man,
But the whole frat is built on this general plan.

There's one that you know by his free, easy air,
His constant good humor, and look of "Don't care";
A general athlete ; a good student, too,
Providing there's nothing more lively to do.
A head full of trouble, a face that is meek ;
And now don't you know him, the all around—?

Another is serious, sober and quiet,
Too seldom mixed up in a college-boys' riot ;
But noisy enough when he's with his own brothers,
To make up for all that he lacks with the others ;
A recognized student, and yet not a dig ;
A favorite socially ; this is the —.



A third is reserved to so high a degree,
He's usually distant and cold as can be ;
Content with himself and a few real friends,
He's to independent to gain his own ends ;
Conservative, very ; and now from these data,
You ought to be able to tell he's a — — .

The other is gay as a knight of the past,
And true to his lady from first to the last ;
Cares nothing whatever for what critics say,
But jollies them all, and continues his way ;
Associates little with others ; that's why
So little is certainly known of the — .

So these are the frat men a stranger would find ;
A little of everything, nicely combined ;
And yet so unlike that no measure of toil
Could make them mix better than water and oil—.
And now if they think I have made a mistake,
Then let them beware what impression they make.



The Department of History.

As mapped out at present, the courses in history in the College of Liberal Arts include one in American history, one in English history, one in Greek and Roman history, and one in the history of Western Europe. Each of these four occupy three hours a week throughout the college year, and the four require two years, only two being given in one year. The method adopted in all these courses is that of lectures, supplemented by required reading in books reserved in the library, the work being tested by occasional oral quizzes and sometimes by written examination.

Where there is so great a field to cover as is offered by history our problem is mainly one of selection. While none of the nations can be safely neglected, that have contributed greatly to our civilization, we must try to avoid the two extremes of a mere summary, on the one hand comprehensive, but spiritless and uninteresting; and on the other, a proportionless mass of details on special periods without any perspective or view of history in the large that every college graduate should have. In the European history, where this difficulty is greatest, it is hoped to overcome it, partly, at least, by requiring the reading of some short general sketch of the whole period, like Freeman's; and concentrating the lectures on some of the great institutions and on important epochs, as the Renaissance, the Reformation and the French Revolution.

In addition to these, it is proposed to have a seminar each year, which, in time shall be open to those only who have proved themselves good students. The subject this year is Ohio history. Much is hoped from this subject, thus taken up, in interesting students; and in training them in habits of research.

In the Normal School of the University, two courses are given in American history, and one in the history of institutions among the nations that have contributed most to our civilization. In the last named course, emphasis is placed on non-political institutions, as the political side is developed in the general courses in history. These courses in the Normal School are arranged with the hope that they may coöperate with the courses given in training, furnishing material, while those indicate the method for teaching in the grades. There is also given in the third term of each year, a course in the teaching of history.

In the Academy, courses are given in American, English, Greek and Roman history, including the general history of Europe to the year 800 A. D. The Greek and Roman history has been substituted for "General History," following the recommendation of the committee of seven. History in the Academy is important as preparing the way for more thorough work in later years, and the character of the work in the

undergraduate course must always depend very largely on the thoroughness of the work done in the Academy.

It is hoped that all alumni will help in the development of a strong department of history in Miami University. Our main need is books on history, also a few maps. Any help given would be thankfully received. The course in Ohio history, especially, needs books that ought to be in the library and are not. A look over your old books might result in a gift that you would not miss, and one that would place us under very great obligations to you. We beg the help and the interest of the Alumni in our endeavor to make the new history department a useful part of Miami University.

PROF. MCILWAINE.

Physical Development.

A man or a woman's ability, their earning capacity, is in direct proportion to their physical vitality. How important then, is your attendance to the gymnasium classes, that you may keep your body strong and brain clear. Excuses are almost daily handed in by students, who need the work most, and if they had the required determination could easily find the time to fit themselves physically to make good use of their college education.—*A strong mind in a strong body* means a successful individual. Drugs cannot correct the evils our advanced civilization produces. What you need is active but well regulated exercise. Class work, apparatus work, basket and indoor baseball send you to your studies with a brain cleared for action. An ideal man is 6 feet in height, weighs 175 pounds stripped, neck 16 inches, waist 34 inches, chest 42 inches, biceps or upper arm 16 inches, thigh 24 inches, calf 16 inches. The average man, however, measures only 5 feet 8 inches and at this height he should weigh 150 pounds stripped or 162 in street dress, neck 14½ inches, waist 32 inches, chest 39 inches, biceps 14½ inches, forearm 11½ inches, thigh 22 inches, calf 14½ inches. Practically the same exercise will build up and increase the weight of one of slender build, and reduce one having a superabundance of flesh. This paradox is understood when it is considered that exercise in effect corrects whatever defects exist, and maintains the system at a normal state. Excess adipose tissue is an accumulation of fatty cells which readily give way to persistent exercise and are burned up, restoring the figure to its proper proportions. An absence of flesh indicates a lack of nourishment and this condition, too, is readily corrected by proper work. It creates a demand for food, and by properly digesting and assimilating it, the system is nourished. It is food only out of which flesh and blood are made. Food is the foundation on which strength stands, and no medicine can ever take its place or perform its offices. The average young person

generally eats more food than is required, and this is an added burden as it cannot be properly assimilated. No individual even when training for any great athletic event which requires all his vitality and nerve force should eat more than three meals a day; and a diet should be chosen which would provide the greatest nourishment leaving out pastry, fried food and hot bread. A difficult rule for the young to follow is to leave the table with a desire for more. While endeavoring to point out the benefit of gymnasium work, I should not fail to draw your attention to over-development. Great muscular ability acquired too quickly is gained at the expense of vitality. Frequently in my experience as trainer of college and club teams, I have had to lay off men for days to counteract the results of excessive zeal. Remember whether you are educating your brains or your muscle it requires much time, and the foundation of both is slow careful work. We cannot disregard the laws of nature or abuse her blessings without paying the penalty and paying most dearly. What shall it profit you to have a magnificent development if your heart is weak? Of what benefit are abnormal expansion of chest if accompanied by a disordered stomach or diseased kidneys. Exercise should be taken intelligently, with the end in view of strengthening equally each part and keeping the organs in a normal condition. My own experience disproves the theory that all athletes suffer a break down early in life. I passed the half century mark three years ago, have been an athlete and trainer of athletes for thirty-five years, but I have been careful never to over-strain, but to exercise moderately every day. At my age every man should be in the very prime of life. And every young man and woman in Miami University may reasonably expect to have the same ability with advanced years if they will follow the instructions given them daily while attending class work in the gymnasium. Not a day passes that I am not conscious of strength and health. Nothing in my life has brought me such absolute satisfaction and contentment, as the exercises and baths which I take every day. I have often thought that if every student could realize the superior physical condition that is open to them, what marvelous transformations would result.

FRED W. STONE.



Darkies' Autumn.

De leaves has begun a fallin'
An' pilin' all around ;
De chipmunks keeps a callin'
An' friskin' up an' down.
You hear dat coon dorg howlin'?
A possum's clum a tree,
Darkies out a prowlin'
A swipin' what dey see.

Tater vines am dyin',
Dat pumpkin time has come ;
De fodder its a dryin',
Dose bees has ceased ter hum.
Yo' makes yor sorghum lasses
Fer smearin' on yer cakes—
En' my good — laws — amasses
Its fine en' no mistakes!

I thinks ob possum roastin',
A brownin' in dem coales.
I see dose taters toastin'
I see dose gravy bowls.
Pickinninies waitin',
Eyes a shinin' clear.
Dey begins der agitatin'
A scrappin' for der shere.

Bye-en-bye der singin'
En jiggin' all about.
Yo hear dat music ringin'
En pickinninies shout!
Yo grab yo pardnah from de line,
Yo say "Now honey, de'ah,
Dis sholey am de bestest time
Ob dis whole blessed ye'ah!"

—W.



Scope and History of the Proposition to Establish a National Oratorical Contest Between State Universities.

President Guy Potter Benton of *Miami University recently conceived the idea of forming an Oratorical League of State Universities. President Benton believed that after one such League had been formed others might be formed by State Universities in other parts of the country and that the victors in these district leagues might ultimately compete under the auspices of a National Oratorical Association of State Universities. He corresponded with several state institutions which he had reason to believe would be interested in the project, and the response from these institutions was so favorable that it led to a conference held, November ninth, in St. Louis, at which Miami University, Ohio University, The University of Colorado and Kentucky State College were represented by delegates and there were communications by letter or telegram from several other state institutions. The delegates present unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

First. Resolved: That we aim at the promotion of a General Oratorical League, to include as large a number as possible of the American State Universities and to be composed of district leagues, the state universities within each geographical district to hold an annual competition and the victors in these district contests to meet in a national competition. Although important adjustments would be required and many hindrances might be encountered in an attempt to realize this project, we believe that the very magnitude of the ideal which involves the difficulties involves corresponding advantages and that by realizing this ideal not only oratorical contests, but also the cultivation of oratory in American universities, might gain a new prominence, importance, and worth.

Second. Resolved: That, while we make these expressions, we are conceiving of the cultivation of oratory not as acquisition of arts of rhetoric and elocution alone, but rather as including also development of all the intellectual and personal powers required for the work of the public speaker in dealing with living problems; and that we propose a radical departure from the present method in oratorical contests and approve the plan suggested, in anticipation of this meeting, by Professor Edgar George Frazier, Head of the Department of Public Speaking, at the University of Kansas, in accordance with which, memorized declamations shall be replaced by the discussion of some question of great import, upon which the contestants shall have made thorough prepara-

* Miami University is one of the State Universities that does not bear the name of a state. It owes its origin to a grant of land from the United States Government which land was taken in trust by the State of Ohio in 1803. The institution is supported by the income from this land, supplemented by appropriations made by the State Legislature of Ohio.

tion* while the particular phase of the subject to which any one speaker in a contest must confine himself shall be unknown to him until the day of competition. We suggest that a list of subdivisions of the general question, shall be made known as soon as possible after the general question is proposed, and that each oration shall have for its subject one of these subdivisions, and that lots for the assignment of particular subdivisions, of the general subject to particular men shall be drawn four hours before the beginning of the contest. By this plan each contestant would know the list of subdivisions during his period of preparation, but would not know which subdivision he would be called upon to discuss until the day of the contest.

Third. We propose that a contest upon the plan thus approved shall be held by the Universities here represented during the college year, 1904-5, and that the question to be discussed shall be announced not later than May 15th, 1904 and that, in anticipation of future contests, the annual custom shall be to announce each subject not later than the 15th of May in the year before that in which the contest is to take place.

Fourth. Each University shall determine its own method of selecting its representative. Each contestant must be a bona fide, undergraduate, resident student at the institution he represents and must be pursuing studies that amount to at least ten hours a week in a course leading toward a Bachelor's degree and must have sustained that relation for at least three months immediately preceding the contest. A student who has won a place in a final contest shall never again compete in either a district or final contest. The eligibility of each contestant must be certified to by the President of the institution which he represents.

Fifth. The time and place of each contest, the method of appointing judges, the distribution of expenses, the length of orations, the selection and subdivisions of subjects, the provision of medals or the absence of them shall be decided and arranged by a Committee composed of one member elected by the faculty and one member elected by the student body of each competing Institution. This whole Committee shall act together in making the enumerated arrangements for the National Contest and it shall divide into a number of sub-committees corresponding to the number of sections in the league. These sub-committees shall make the enumerated arrangements for the district contests.

Sixth. It is the judgment of those here assembled that the subject and subdivisions should be the same in the district contests as in the final competition; that each institution in the League should be invited to propose a subject; that all the subjects so proposed be submitted to each institution for an expression of preference and that the subject preferred

*This preparation may be under the direction of an instructor and may be given university credit.

by the largest number should be the one discussed; but that the list of subdivisions should be made out by a person or persons not connected with any of the institutions in the League; moreover, that the method of ranking should be by the numerals, one, two, three, etc. Only in case this method results in a tie, should the method of percentages be resorted to.

Seventh. We appoint as a committee, to correspond with other state universities in promotion of the plans herein formulated, Edward Cary Hayes, Ph. D., Professor of Economics and Sociology in Miami University; Edgar George Frazier, Ph. B., Professor of Public Speaking, University of Kansas, and *James K. Patterson, Ph. D., LL. D., President of Kentucky State College.

Eighth. Resolved: That, we approve the suggestion of Professor Hayes to the effect that we seek the coöperation of the authorities of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company in promoting a contest between state universities, to be as nearly national in character as possible, the finals to be held at St. Louis in connection with the World's Fair, and that we appoint Professor Hayes as our representative to negotiate with the World's Fair authorities. [Resolution 3 is applicable only to contests held in succeeding years.]

In pursuance of this eighth resolution, visits were made to Hon. Walter B. Stevens, Secretary of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company and to several of the heads of executive departments, all of whom respond cordially to the proposition. Mr. Rogers, Commissioner of Education and Congresses, of whose department the proposed exercises would be a feature, gave permission to express the support of the World's Fair authorities in as strong terms as might be chosen. It was agreed that the final contest should be held in the Hall of Congresses. In view of all considerations, the twenty-second of June was thought to be the most desirable date. The authorities of the World's Exposition also agreed to provide for the victor a trophy of such elegance as to comport with the dignified character of the competition. It is hoped that this generous support of the World's Fair authorities will make it possible to nationalize at once the movement for oratorical competitions between State Universities and that the practice thus established may become permanent so that such contests will be an annual feature of American academic life.

*Resigned in favor of Alexander St. Clair McKenzie, Professor of English in Kentucky State College.



Classroom Ventilation.

Certainly a few words, published in *THE STUDENT* at this time, on the subject of the "Ventilation of the Classroom," would not be wholly out of place. Of course it is needless to say anything about the importance of ventilation, as regards health and good results in general, yet judging from the condition in which many of the rooms are kept, it is true that too little attention is paid to this very important matter. It is not the purpose of the writer to place the blame, but it is his purpose to bring this neglect to the attention of all concerned, in the hope that steps may be taken whereby the rooms will be filled with better air, and there may be something like a uniformity of temperature. As far as my own experience goes, I have never found a room too cold. But they are, as a general thing, far too warm and too close, and there are just enough of them kept at an endurable temperature to render the change from one of the hot rooms to a cooler one extremely dangerous and unpleasant. The duty of seeing to the temperature and condition of the atmosphere in the classrooms of any school buildings is usually considered the janitor's first and most important care. We all know that the janitor of the main building, Miami University, is a busy man, but it does seem to me that a leaving off of some of his minor chores, and a little more attention given to some of these more important things would make him a more valuable man and be more profitable to us all in the long run.

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Der Deutsche Klub.

Dieses Jahr haben wir etwas Neues in Oxford, etwas was den Beteiligten zum Vergnügen und Vorteil zugleich gereicht, einen deutschen Klub. Die erste Zusammenkunft war bei Herrn Professor Brandon, die zweite bei Frau Blickensderfer, und die dritte bei Herrn Professor Hayes. Die nächste wird am 3ten December bei Fräulein Greer sein. Eine Zusammenkunft findet alle vierzehn Tage am Donnerstag statt. Wir amüsieren uns immer gut. Wir plaudern mit einander, immer auf Deutsch, und wir singen auch die schönen deutschen Lieder. Es ist an dem Abend als ob wir wirklich in Deutschland wären. Einige Studenten und einige Professoren von unserer Universität und Leute von der Stadt, und auch einige von Oxford College sind Mitglieder des Klubs.

OMEN K. BORING, '06.



William Scobey Giffen.

Second in the series of Alumni of Miami University.

William Scobey Giffen was born in Hamilton, Ohio, April 8, 1851. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native city. He graduated from the Hamilton High School with the class of 1867. In September of that year he matriculated as a freshman in Miami University. Within a month he was admitted to membership in the Erodelphian society and the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He remained an active and influential student until June, 1871, at which time he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1869 he was president of that part of his class, the "Invincible Wing of '71," which founded the old college annual known as the Miami Recensio.

After leaving college he became connected with the firm of J. & J. S. Giffen, lumber dealers, of Hamilton, as a retail salesman, which position he retained until 1878. In that year he began the study of law in the office of Hon. James E. Campbell, since Governor of Ohio, and at the same time attended the lectures of the Cincinnati Law School. He received his degree in the law in 1880, was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of the State and immediately began the practice of his profession in Hamilton, first in partnership with John M. Davidson, Miami, ex-'68, and afterwards alone. While his practice was quite extensive and lucrative yet he seldom appeared in court. In 1881 he became the attorney for the Home Loan and Building Association, an institution whose business alone for some years absorbed almost his entire attention. He retained this position until 1892.

Upon entering the practice of the law his natural political bent carried him into party affairs; In 1887 he was nominated by the republicans for Mayor against Alexander Getz, democratic nominee, who was elected by a majority of only 157 in a city usually strongly democratic. In October, 1891, he was nominated at Dayton, Ohio, for Common Pleas Judge in the first sub-division of the Second Judicial District of Ohio, comprising the counties of Butler, Darke, Montgomery and Preble. He was defeated by the late Gen. Ferdinand VanDerveer, who was a candidate for re-election. Judge VanDerveer died in November, 1892. William McKinley, then Governor of Ohio, appointed Judge Giffen to fill the vacancy until the next regular election, at which time he was elected over his opponent, the late Judge Philip G. Berry, by 500 majority, although the sub-division of the district was normally 4,000 democratic. Judge Giffen was the only republican judge ever elected in that sub-division from its organization in 1852 until its re-arrangement in 1894. In this latter year, owing to a pressure brought by Republicans in the more evenly balanced counties, a movement was inaugurated to shelve the large democratic majority in Butler County into a judicial sub-



WILLIAM SCOBEE GIFFEN.

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division by itself. The success of this effort left Judge Giffen in a subdivision overwhelmingly democratic; but when re-nominated for the race in 1896 he was defeated by his opponent, Judge John F. Neilan, by a majority of only 500, although the democratic presidential candidate carried the county by 2700. He then retired from the bench and resumed his practice in Hamilton. In the next year he was nominated and elected to a judgeship in the Circuit Court, First District of Ohio, for a term of six years, entering upon his duties in February, 1899. This district is composed of the counties of Butler, Clinton, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren. The jurisdiction of the court is almost altogether appellate and the major part of its sittings are in Cincinnati, with short periodic visitations in the other counties.

As a judicial officer Judge Giffen has been unusually acceptable both to litigants and to the bar. Upon entering his duties as Common Pleas Judge he found the docket heavily burdened with pending litigation which in his four years of office he was enabled by hard work largely to relieve. His decisions have stood well the tests of the higher courts. In consideration of his learning and his fairness it is said of him by able representatives of the local bar that he is possessed in an unusual degree of what is professionally called the judicial temperament.

Judge Giffen was married August 28, 1894 to Miss Emma Brant of Hamilton, in which city they continue to reside. In 1898 he was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of Miami University in which institution he retains an active and abiding interest.

H. S. '91

Reflection.

Return to me such memories sweet,
Of times I spent in still retreat,
Listening to the squirrel's bark ;
To soothing tones of meadowlark ;
And lingering there oft by the hour,
Amid the shade of sheltering bower,
I heard the red bird overhead
And softer still the rabbit's tread.
Around me were the forest trees
And busy hum of bumblebees.
Breezes oft would to me sing
The glories of a budding spring.
Wild flowers grew and blossomed there
With fragrance and with beauty rare.
Low murmuring sounds from wandering streams,
With sunlight's glowing crystal beams
Seemed lending an enchantment there,
With peace and quiet everywhere.

—W.

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Editorial.

For the re-assurance of those who noticed the conflicting dates on
our last issue, we will merely state that this is the December number.

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Thanksgiving vacation has come and gone. By the time this num-
ber of THE STUDENT reaches its readers we shall be upon the eve of part-
ing for our Christmas rest. If you are reading this, we thank you, and
extend to you the greetings of the season. If you are not reading this
we are none the wiser; and fortunately, it would be conceited not to
acknowledge it, you are none the poorer. Of course we shall come back,
most of us, with renewed energy and loads of resolutions. THE STUDENT
expects to follow the paradox of one of its profound co-editors:
"Resolved, to make no resolutions." But resolutions or not, we shall
all work harder, and accomplish more next term, unless coasting season
intervenes, than we have accomplished during the term just closing. So
here's to you all, much joy and long drawn out.

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A petition has been circulated among the students, and
The Library signed by a large number of them, asking that the hours
during which the library is kept open be extended. We
hope that this petition will receive the consideration it deserves from the
proper authorities.

The library at present is open to the students about seven hours per
day; and those seven hours are the busy ones of the day, most of them
being taken up by the regular college duties. In the evenings, and on

Saturday afternoons, when the student is free, the library is closed. Where one is carrying a couple of courses, each of which requires from two to three hundred pages of outside reading per week, and many students are doing this; and when most of this reading is in volumes that can not be taken from the library, this certainly becomes a serious matter. Everyone's day is more or less taken up by recitation and laboratory periods, and other required duties, so that a systematic course of reading under present conditions is made very difficult. Perhaps this may help to explain the remark made some weeks ago by a member of the faculty, that "the boys don't do as much systematic reading here as they do at most colleges." These are only a couple reasons from the student's point of view. There may be reasons why this proposition is unadvisable, and impracticable.

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Last year the December number of the "STUDENT" *Football in 1903* contained a review of the football season that made every body feel good, though the season was unsatisfactory in some respects. This year a review would be painful. But we can each in a very private way think it over, and compare this year with last.

At the beginning of this season Miami had a better squad of men on the field than she has had in the last four years. Many, it is true, were freshmen, and new to the game; others were freshmen who knew the game too well; but then there was the remnant of the "Old Guard" of 1902, and the coach of 1902. The team that played at Delaware, at DePauw, and at Cincinnati was all that we could desire. But after the Cincinnati game the decline began,—absence from practice and a general drag. Then the loss of two games in succession and the inevitable came.

Miami's teams ought to stay in Ohio and Indiana. This is her territory. It was a mistake to schedule any games in Kentucky. Each year has shown a growing dissatisfaction with all our athletic contests south of the Ohio River. Their "football ethics" are different; their tactics are different. The player who adopted them here would be imprisoned. These teams have consistently refused to meet us on our own grounds while we have meekly laid our head on their block for, lo, these many years.

Where courtesy, honesty, honor, all are sacrificed to the consuming desire to win, Miami should stand aloof. Let us learn wisdom from experience, and next year play football with people that belong to the same grade of civilization.

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*The Poem
Contest*

The poem contest announced the first of the year has resulted most satisfactorily. A large number of competitors, more than were expected, were in, and the contributions

were poems of exceptional merit The decision was close, but first rank was finally awarded the poem "These Frat Men of Ours," by Miss Ethel M. Goff; and second rank to the poem "Miami" by Miss Julia L. Bishop.

The first is published in this issue; the second and most of the other contributions in this contest will be published from time to time, later in the year. Next month we hope to be able to publish the best Short Story submitted in the contest which closed December 2nd.

University Notes.

The Ninth University Service was held in Miami Chapel on Sunday, November 15th, at two-thirty P. M. President Benton preached a very fine sermon on "The Purpose of Living." Special music was given by the Miami Choral Society and Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Myers. These services are always very appropriate and very interesting, and are enjoyed by the students as well as by many citizens of the town.

The second number of the Union Lyceum Course was a concert by John C. Weber and his Military Band, on November 9th. The following programme was given:

1. Overture, William Tell *Rossini.*
 2. Waltzes, Life on the Vienna Prater *Translateur.*
 3. Echoes from the Metropolitan Opera House *Tobani.*
- Introducing: March, Queen of Sheba; song, Evening Star, Tannhauser; Clown Song, Pagliacci; Intermezzo; Cavalleria Rusticana and Rhapsodie Hengroise, No. 2, Liszt.
4. A Novelette, In a Cozy Corner..... *Bratten.*
 5. Grand Selection, Lohengrin..... *Wagner.*
 6. March, St. Louis World's Fair *Weber.*
 7. Gems from the Prince of Pilsen. *Luders.*
 8. Soprano Solo, Carmenia Waltz..... *Wilson.*
- Mrs. Anna Stoltz-Lerch.
9. Anvil Chorus and Miserere, Il Trovatore. *Verdi.*
 10. Grand American Fantasia *Herbert.*

This programme was more than doubled by encores. This well indicates the interest and satisfaction of the audience. The popularity that Mr. Weber and his Band earned while here is just an extension of the distinction that he has gained by his concerts in all parts of the country that he has visited. The fame of this band which began in the Queen City and was greatly extended by the concerts in the Temple of Music at the Pan-American Exposition is now national. A few of the encores were popular selections and they were played with the same precision and excellence as the classical selections. The soprano solo and the encores by Mrs. Stoltz-Lerch, were highly appreciated. The whole entertainment was an exceptional treat.

On Monday evening, November twenty-third, a play was given in Miami University Chapel for the benefit of the Athletic Association. "Dora,"—a pastoral drama, in three acts, by Charles Reade, founded on Tennyson's poem. Under the direction of Professor Chapman.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Farmer Allan.....	Mr. S. J. Brandenburg.
Luke Bloomfield	Mr. B. C. Sharp.
William Allan	Mr. L. W. Haynes.
Jem Blunt.....	Mr. W. Binkley.
Willie Allan.....	Master Don Shera.
Dora	Miss Cone.
Mary Morrison.....	Miss Pansing.
Farm Hands	

SCENE—ENGLAND. PERIOD—1780.

During the evening the University Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Myers, performed the following selections:

Overture, "Sweet Brier"	<i>L. P. Laurendeau.</i>
Overture, "Crown Prince"	<i>G. D. Barnard.</i>
Soko, "Moorish March—Intermezzo"	<i>John Arnold.</i>
Waltzes (Suite) "My Heart's Idol"	<i>C. W. Bennett.</i>

The play was written by a distinguished English playwright, and is of high class. It was well staged and well acted. Every character deserves to be praised. The play was as long as the average, yet the whole burden fell upon so few persons that more credit is therefore due to them. The parts of the five characters were very long, yet well performed. Several persons, whose judgment is worth while, said that this was the best play they had ever seen by non-professionals. The costumes were very rich and appropriate to the period. The music before the play and between acts was much appreciated. Professor Chapman is entitled to much credit for the success of this entertainment.

In the Harvard-Dartmouth foot ball game, on November 14th, in which Dartmouth defeated Harvard by a score of 11 to 0, both touchdowns were made by Leigh C. Turner. He played right tackle which is the same position he used to play here at Miami. He was captain of Miami's team in 1901.

Dr. J. A. Culler has an article on "The Lower Fiducial Point," in the November Ohio Educational Monthly which is one of the leading educational magazines in the State. Dr. Culler is a frequent contributor to this journal on subjects pertaining to Physics.

No doubt many students have wondered about the stone which is set in the ground southeast of Brice Scientific Hall. Dr. R. W. McFarland, who was president of Miami University, 1885-88, and who taught mathematics and astronomy in Miami University, 1856-73, gave us the following

interesting facts concerning it. It was a base for a transit telescope, and was the second one erected on this continent, the first one having been erected at Williams College, at Williamstown, Mass. It was designed in 1836 and erected in 1838 by John Locke, M. D. who was Professor of Chemistry in the Cincinnati College. These dates have been tampered with by some vandal—the 1836 has been changed to 1804 and 1838 to 1808. Also, some one has chiseled the name of T. Kelly, who was the son of a former janitor of Miami University, in a conspicuous place. The stone has been chipped and otherwise disfigured. This stone is an object of interest to astronomers and should be preserved. When first erected it was covered by a building. This was then an important point in the United States from which astronomical observations were made, and Oxford, Ohio, is given in the list of such places in Loomis' "Practical Astronomy" published in 1855.

A Biological Club, consisting of Dr. S. R. Williams, Professor G. W. Hoke and a number students who are especially interested in biology, has been organized. The first regular meeting was held Tuesday evening, November tenth. Dr. Williams gave a discussion on "Reversed Symmetry," and a few articles on phases of biology in the current magazines were reviewed by other members. The meetings will be held every two weeks on Tuesday evenings.

Dr. Winship's Lectures.

President Benton has inaugurated a pleasant and profitable feature in our university life, by securing a preëminent man to deliver a series of free lectures. During the week from November thirtieth to December fourth, we were privileged to listen to Dr. Albert Edward Winship of Boston. Dr. Winship is one of the greatest educational journalists in America; he is editor of the "Journal of Education." He has been president of the New England Press Association, and the American Institute of Instruction, and the Massachusetts Republican Editorial Association. He has recently been appointed a member of the State Board of Education of Massachusetts by Governor Bates. Dr. Winship is also an author of note, having written, "The Shop," "Life of Horace Mann," "Great American Educators" and "Jukes-Edwards."

During the week he delivered four evening lectures of a popular nature, on the following subjects: "Rascals and Saints," "Twentieth Century Standards," "Profits and Prophets" and "The Boy."

And four or five lectures to the students of the Normal College on "The New Geography," "The New English," and other pedagogical subjects.

And also four afternoon lectures on "Lowell and Holmes," Whittier

and Longfellow," "Present Day Writers," and "Writers Who Might Have Been Great." In these literary lectures he emphasized the personality of the men, which was most interesting.

Although not a professional lecturer, Dr. Winship has great ability as a speaker. Every one of his lectures was much appreciated, and we hope that Dr. Benton will continue this feature at intervals during the coming year.

The Literary Societies.

The report of Dr. Hayes upon his trip to St. Louis, in connection with Dr. Benton's plan of a national oratorical contest between State Universities, as recorded elsewhere in this number, was enthusiastically received by the members of both the Miami Union and the Erodelphian Literary Societies. By their approval they showed themselves heartily in favor of the movement which has been inaugurated by President Benton and their appreciation of the work being done to promote the welfare of the students and to secure recognition for Miami University.

A committee was appointed by each society to meet jointly with a committee from the University Senate to complete arrangements. Messrs. Gries and Altmer were appointed by the Miami Union Society, and Messrs. Fisher and Rodabaugh were appointed ^{sides} by the Erodelphians.

Each society elected a team of four who will participate in a preliminary contest to take place on January 8, 1904. The Miami Union Team is Messrs. Smith, Feeny, Newman, and Moomaw. The Erodelphian Team consists of Messrs. Brandenburg, Pattison, Ralston and Fisher. From these eight a delegate will be chosen to represent Miami University in the District Contest. The winners of the District Contests will then compete in the Hall of International Congresses at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

This contest of January 8, 1904 is also to serve another purpose. It is to be an inter-society contest independent of the fact that it is a preliminary for the District Contest. A separate set of judges will decide which team has done the best work. There will be no individual winner, but instead it shall be team work. The nature of the contest will be the same as that of the National Contest. This contest has nothing to do with the inter-collegiate debate with the University of Cincinnati.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Association Bible Classes meet in the various churches at the Sunday School hour. Let every man enroll himself in some one of these classes.

The meeting of November first was up to the usual high standard.

It was led by A. C. Olson who spoke on "Christ's Talk with a Young Man." Much interest was manifested and inspiration was gained by those present.

On November eighth we had the pleasure of hearing one of our most loyal Association men, when John B. Ferguson, '03 visited us. His topic, "The Life Purpose of Paul" was presented in a strong, forceful way, and its main thought, "the true purpose of my life," will long be remembered for its helpfulness.

On November twenty-second a pleasant change was made in our service when two leaders spoke on the topic, "Abiding in Christ," and the Association Quartet sang. Messrs. Glenn and Fisher made every minute profitable. Judging from the interest taken in this meeting we believe that an occasional departure of this character from the usual program would be acceptable.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. has been greatly encouraged throughout the month by the attendance and interest shown as evinced by the responses of the girls in the meeting.

The first meeting was led by Miss Florence Meridith. Her subject was "Personal Influence." She had prepared an excellent paper, telling of the influence of one woman on her life, and as she was not personally acquainted with this woman, she would perhaps never know of the good influence her life had had. This thought helped those present, for often we are discouraged because we are not permitted to see the result of our effort.

Mrs. Richard was present, and her talk was an inspiration to all the girls.

The second meeting was given over to the report of the delegates to the state convention at Oberlin. Miss Pansing gave the principal ideas in the welcome address of President King of Oberlin, in the address of the dean of the theological seminary of Oberlin, and of Dr. Hunt, president of Dennison University. Miss Bishop gave a summary of the various talks by Miss Paxton, one of the national secretaries. Miss Paxton has devoted the greater part of her life to Y. W. C. A. work. The theme of her talks throughout the entire convention was the need of personal work, and the necessity of the entire consecration of one's life to the work of the Master.

Although in these reports the thoughts of Miss Paxton were presented by another, we could feel the strong personality of their author in every one. The association will be fortunate indeed, if as we hope, she is permitted to visit us this year.

Normal Notes.

On Friday evening, November 20th, a Literary society, to be known as The Pierian Literary Society, was formally organized for the benefit of the Normal girls. There has been a feeling for some time that such a society was needed and through the combined efforts of Professor Feeney and the girls themselves, its organization has been completed. The society begins its career with Miss Cora Orem as president, and we feel sure, judging from the spirit of loyalty and interest shown by the girls, that it will be a success and will prove both a pleasure and a profit to its members.

On Saturday night, November 21st, the Normal school was delightfully entertained by Professor and Mrs. Minnich in the east wing of the main building. The features of the evening were flinch and ping-pong accompanied by Professor Hoke's famous "Magic Lantern Show." The nature laboratory was transferred into a dining-room for the occasion and the heaps of apples and pop-corn were indeed mute reminders that Thanksgiving Day was near at hand. After a series of impromptu speeches by the different members of the faculty, the girls separated, all voting Professor and Mrs. Minnich royal entertainers.

At the recent meeting of the Central Ohio Teachers' Association at Cleveland, Ohio, Professor Minnich was elected President of the Association. In him the Association has found a splendid and able adviser, and we feel justly proud of our Dean.

Several of our students attended the meeting of the Kindergarten Association in Cincinnati on Saturday, November 28th, and found it both profitable and interesting. There were several excellent addresses by educated women and the girls received some excellent ideas and suggestions which they brought back to us after the Thanksgiving vacation.

On Monday, Nov. 23rd, the Normal school had as its visitor, Miss Colburn, the President of the Cincinnati Kindergarten Association.

We count ourselves very fortunate in having had as one of our visitors the past month, Dr. A. E. Winship, of Boston, Mass. Dr. Winship is the editor of the American Primary Teacher and delivered a series of very inspiring lectures to the students of Miami. His lectures to the Normal school were very interesting and greatly appreciated, and we feel that we have had a rare treat in the privilege of hearing so many of Mr. Winship's talks.

The Freshman Normal class has been formally organized with Miss Laura Beals as president.

A number of last year's Normal students, including Misses Noble Miller, Anna Simmons, Anna Keen and Elizabeth Coulter, were in town a few days the past week renewing old acquaintances.

Miss Lillian Howe a member of the Normal school last year, visited Oxford friends recently.

The Sophomore Normal class regrets very much that one of its members, Miss Lillian Mullens, has dropped out of the ranks the past month and removed to Cincinnati.

On December 12th, Miss Logan delivered two very interesting lectures at the meeting of the Putnam County Teachers' Association at Leipsic, Ohio.

The meeting of the Northwestern Teachers' Association at Lima, Ohio, the past month was a grand success. A large crowd of enthusiastic and earnest teachers was in attendance and several inspiring addresses by noted educators were delivered.

Professor Hoke, in company with Dr. Benton, visited the meeting of the Southwestern Ohio Superintendent's Round Table in Dayton, Ohio, the past month.

We are sorry to report that Professor Williams, dean of our "sister training school" at Athens, Ohio, has been quite ill the past month. However he is now improving and we hope to soon hear of his complete restoration to health. He is a great power in the school and his influence, during his illness, was greatly missed.

We have been greatly interested the past month in a nature bulletin in leaflet form, prepared by Professor Hoke and giving a brief survey of the nature work in the Normal school. In the near future we hope to be just as much interested in the bulletin of the same order to be prepared by Miss Logan on the training course. In this way we can show our fellow-students that we are at least expected to do something and that Normal work is not merely a huge bluff.

Miss Jessie Way spent Thanksgiving holidays with the Misses Isabelle Geiser and Florence Meredith in Dayton, Ohio.

Miss Margaret Lusby visited one of the Cincinnati slum schools recently.

Miss Vera Markley, a member of the Freshman Normal class, who has been quite ill for the past few weeks, has been compelled to leave school.

Athletics.

BASKET BALL.

The outlook for mid-winter athletics is unusually bright. Prof. Stone's untiring efforts are beginning to bear fruit. In no line is this more apparent than in the men's basket ball team, than which Ohio has no superior if indeed an equal. Only opportunity is needed to demonstrate this. The new team will labor under many difficulties for a time but after these have been removed Miami expects to find a place in the

front. A good schedule is already assured. The line-up with alternate is as follows:

Forwards—E. Feeney, P. C. Bing, F. E. Wood, C. K. Robinson.
Centers—C. E. Brown, H. M. Newman.
Guards—G. Britton, J. Hamsher, J. Kinsey; A. L. Kaye, captain.

GIRLS' BASKET BALL.

That the College of Liberal Arts girls have not been idle this year in practicing basket ball is a well known fact among the students of Miami University. Already they have worked themselves into a team non-paralleled in this part of the state. Their referee has drilled into them the scientific part of the game, which when used skillfully makes basket ball playing non-injurious besides much more attractive.

Those people in the East who have been trying to make the decisions that basket ball is detrimental to the health have surely never played the game, or at least never played it by the modified rules.

We are now arranging a game with the Oxford College team which will be played some time soon. And if our plans are carried out successfully we will play the girls of O. U. S. this year and also some minor schools. The line-up is as follows:

Forwards—Ethel Goff, Edna Robinson, Ruth Snyder.
Centers—Blanche Hinkle, Louise Coulter.
Guards—Bertha Miller, Nell Stevenson, Miss Eliot.

THE SPRING ATHLETE.

The battle of Waterloo was said to have been won on the Eton football field. In exactly the same sense any success Miami wins in baseball or track athletics next spring must be won in the gymnasium this winter. Now is the time for the would-be hurdler, high jumper or pole vaulter to learn form. Now is the time for the future pitcher to learn to pitch. Because of the shortsighted policy of our athletic management last year there is no pitcher among the upper classmen as far as I know. The responsibility they have refused to shoulder lies now chiefly with the class of 1907. Let six fairly promising men deny themselves just a little loafing on the postoffice sidewalk and practice fifteen minutes apiece each day for three months and there will be developed, not one but two pitchers or even more whose work will be in the highest degree creditable. This is no pipe-dream for I have seen a man trained in this way hold an opposing team to one scratch hit.

It is true we have no baseball cage but a canvas can be hung from the gallery railing to stop balls and if the fellows can refrain from batting anything smaller than an indoor baseball no damage will be done.

You must have your time set apart for practice however and attend it as carefully as you do any other class. The men who could not give up cigarettes during our brief football season may just as well not begin on pitching practice, for it involves more loyalty and steadfastness than they possess. Have we the men?

Society Notes.

The song recital given at the Western College by Mr. Kelley Cole on Tuesday evening, Nov. 13th, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. M. Cole has a world wide reputation and for the past six years has maintained a place in the foremost rank of tenors in England. He studied two ye rs with Hermann in New York and completed his musical training in Berlin. His work as a vocalist bears the imprint of culture, and his voice is one of exceptional purity. The program for the evening was well chosen; and it is rare that we have the opportunity of hearing so distinguished a tenor singer as Mr. Kelley-Cole.

The beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Guy Potter Benton was formally opened by a delightful reception to the faculty and friends Tuesday evening, Nov. 24. Among the invited guests were included the faculties of Miami University and Western and Oxford Colleges, many townspeople and out-of-town guests. The remodeled colonial "Lewis Place" was at its best and in its spacious rooms were gathered some two hundred guests. In the receiving line were Dr. and Mrs. Benton, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tobey, of Hamilton, and Hon. John W. Herron, of Cincinnati. The gown worn by Mrs. Benton was of white taffeta and Brussels net, while those of the little daughters, Helen and Pauline were of white organdie. The house was decorated with palms, chrysanthemums and smilax and the large spacious rooms rang with the strains of merry music. A large punch bowl in the handsome library was filled with a delicious beverage much enjoyed by the guests. This was by far the most brilliant social affair of the season in Oxford.

On Nov. 25, at Oxford College a dramatic interpretation of *Macbeth* was rendered to a large audience by Mr. George Riddle. It is always profitable to see and hear one who has achieved distinction in any line. We may not always perceive the sources of his power, but by a close study of his personality, we may be sure to arouse new thoughts within us which will assist in the development of our mental faculties. It certainly was a great pleasure to the audience to hear read one of the masterpieces of English literature in such artistic fashion and Mr. Riddle was considered by all to be a master of his subject.

Alumni.

1858—Robt. N. John is at present the District Missionary of Ballou Association and pastor of the Universalist Church, of Jeffersonville, Ohio.

1858—Noah Cartwright was born in Darke County, Ohio, March 1833, and died at Fern Creek, Kentucky, September, 1903. During the Civil War he was Captain, Major and Lieutenant—Colonel 15th Ky. Vol. Inf. Afterwards he taught in public schools for several years.

From then until his death he was interested in fruit growing at Fern Creek, Kentucky.

1861—David C. Kyle is at present employed as city engineer in the city improvements, Washington, Iowa.

1862—G. V. Holliday is the president of "Monarch Mill & Supply Co." offices, Blymyer Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1862—Thomas D. Garvin died in Los Angeles, California, Aug. 12, 1903, at the age of 74. He was ordained in the Christian Church in 1872, and since then had a very successful career as a minister. He was for seven years the president of Franklin College.

1864—Nelson W. Evans during the last year issued a History of Scioto County and Pioneer Record of Southern Ohio. He is also the author of the series of articles on Taxation published in "Public Policy" throughout this year.

1869—E. H. Bundy is acting as director in several industrial and manufacturing corporations, New Castle, Indiana.

1870—E. N. Evans has been the probate judge of Lyon county, Emporia, Kansas, since the first of this year.

1871—David E. Platter has recently become the general agent of The Prudential Insurance Co. of America, with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio. His address is 73 Mayfield St., of that city.

1871—J. O. Shiras is the electrical contractor for Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

1873—Alfred Colquett Ficklin died at his home in Charleston, Illinois, in July, 1903. He attended the Chicago Law School and was admitted to the bar in January, 1876. For ten years he was the city attorney of Charleston, Illinois.

1891—Chas. A. Wilson is pastor of the Lutheran church, Shanesville, Ohio.

1891—S. A. Stephenson is the city attorney of Great Falls, Montana.

1891—Walter C. Harris has been director of the photograph department of the New York World for the last two years. For seven years previous to that, he worked in the art department of the New York Herald. As a representative of the New York World, Mr. Harris claims to have been the first from the United States to reach St. Pierre, Martinique, after its destruction by Mt. Pelée in May, 1902.

1893—Dr. E. R. Beard is a leading physician in Liberty, Indiana, and the coroner of that county. He is also the president of the Board of Education of Liberty High School.

1894—C. E. Greer, who was until recently was Chief Internist Homoeopathic Staff Cook Co. Hospital, Chicago, is now a practicing physician and surgeon in Charleston, Illinois. He is also the president of the Charleston Board of Health.

1894—S. W. Richey is one of the firm of Richey, Halsted and
Lumber Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

1896—H. A. Fenton, who is connected with the firm of Fitzgereald
and Company, Investment Brokers of Indianapolis, was married to Miss
Telford on December 2nd, 1903, at the home of the bride, Indianapolis,
Indiana They will reside on North Alabama street, Indianapolis.

1896—Wm. L. Schollenbarger is located at Winton Place, Ohio, as
surgeon for M. B. Farrin Lumber Company; Farrin Koen Lumber Com-
pany; National Chemical Works and for Chester Park.

1896—W. W. Montgomery is a Presbyterian minister located at
Seaman, Ohio.

1899—A. H. Lewis, who was formerly an editor in London, Ohio,
is now occupied as general Inspector of Water Plants for "American
Water Works and Guaranty Company," of Pittsburg.

1899—J. R. Simpson has been an assistant in the Western Electric
Company, Chicago, since February, 1903.

1898—John D. Garrett is a practicing physician in Orangeville, Ills.

1899—J. T. W. Stewart entered the McCormick Theological Sem-
inary in the fall of 1900; received license to preach in 1902 and graduated
in 1903. He is now the minister in the First Presbyterian Church,
Harbor Beach Michigan.

1900—W. C. Thomas is acting as general secretary of the Y. M. C.
A., Canon City, Colorado.

1900—Fanny Smith is acting as Instructor of Chemistry and Phy-
siography in the High School, Ottumwa, Iowa. Her address is 203
Wapillo St.

1900—Roy Temple House spent last summer in Paris doing special
work in the French Language and Literature. He has now become
instructor in French in the Self Culture Club, St. Louis. Last spring
he had published his chronology of "Les Châtiments" and "Modern
Language Notes." His address is 3400 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis,
Mo.

1901—Leo. C. Maxwell has recently become a partner in the leading
hardware store in Liberty, Indiana.

1901—Ella Glenn McSurely who graduated at the Pratt Institute
Library School Brooklyn in 1903, is acting as the assistant in Miami
University Library, Oxford, Ohio.

1901—C. T. Jenkins has accepted a position as Professor of English
in Missouri Military Academy for 1903-1904.

1902—Clarence E. Gillespie has for the last two years held the prin-
cipalship of the College Corner High School.

1903—R. H. Bishop, Jr, is at present, assistant in the State Exchange
Bank in Mankato, Jewell County, Kansas.

Locals.

The Normal girls enjoyed another taffy pull recently.

Oh finch, oh ping-pong, oh gallant Peter, oh buttonhole bouquets.

Williams has a new overcoat—Lawrence is staying in doors.

Markley escorted two young ladies to Hamilton Nov. 30.

Holliday is taking a vacation.

For new patent mouse traps see Miss Moon.

Normal co-ed to Mr. G.—“I want one of those phonographic pencils.”

Count your many blessings.

The College Seniors want to see Wood and Binkley.

Cormier's bier was used at Dora.

Count them one by one.

Yes, it was a real turkey.

Where is my little Willie?

Britton made his debut as a comedian with the Dora Troupe

Now wouldn't that make you late to church.

The Methodists held services in Miami Chapel on Sunday Nov. 22, and were not a little inconvenienced by the fact that the curtain absolutely refused to work.

Who cut the rope?

Prof. C.'s calls were early and frequent at room No. 9 North Dorm Sunday morning.

Prof. W. (discussing species)—Mr. Gaines, how would you know that a litter of puppies were not going to be cats?

Mr. Gaines—Because they don't look like kittens.

The North Dorm Senate is contemplating the putting in of a telephone.

Has Silver told you about his bowling record?

Marie and Lillie thought it was a roast.

The third year Academy students defeated the *second preps* at football.

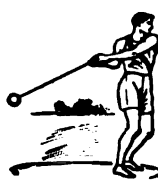
Lawrence was skating on the Western pond Thanksgiving Day. The view from the bank was quite good.

Markey had a lesson lately in room decorating. Some of his friends kindly assisted him.

The Senate desires to inform the readers of THE STUDENT that it was not represented in the *bold attack*, made by the *weaker* of the “stronger sex,” referred to in the Normal notes of the last month.

If Meek is not careful he will make a noise in Chapel with his flute.

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Praise John, praise Bill, praise all the
host;

Praise John and Bill, but John the
most." —*Oberlin Review*.

An answer in the mouth is worth two
in the book.

—*Ex.*

Professor Cattell of Columbia University, has taken the four encyclopedias in the world—English, American French, and German—and made out a list of the thousand famous men and women who are given the space. As a result of his long labors he has found that Napoleon heads the list. Shakespeare comes second and then comes Mahomet and Voltaire.

—*Ex.*

The University of Munich has opened its doors to women. Hitherto women have not been permitted to matriculate in German Universities, though several of

them they have been allowed to attend lectures and take their degrees on examination, by consent of the faculties.—*Ex.*

The following, says Case Tech. is attributed to a public school boy: "King Henry the Eighth was the greatest widower that ever lived. He was born at Anno Domini, in the year 1066. His first wife was beheaded and afterwards executed. The second was revoked. She never smiled again but said the word 'Calias' would be written on her heart after death. The greatest man in this reign was Lord Sir Garnet Wolsey. He was surnamed the 'Boy Bachelor,' being born at the age of fifteen unmarried. In this reign the Bible was translated into Latin by Titus Oates. It was also in this reign that the Duke of Wellington discovered America and invented the curfew bell to prevent fires. Henry was succeeded on the throne by his great grandmother, the beautiful and accomplished Mary Queen of Scots, sometimes known as the 'Lady of the Lake.' He died in bed in the last year of his age."

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We were called upon for 419 stenographers, bookkeepers, office clerks, etc., between January 1, '03 and September 1, '03. There is a great demand for stenographers who understand bookkeeping and general office work.

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The Wasananda.

Here, the Wasananda flies,
From the springs that give it rise;
Here, the whirling mist and spray,
In a cloud of silvery gray,
Hide the imps that gurgle songs,
Songs, the rocky cliff prolongs.
Shelving steeps, the stream defies,
Where the Wasananda flies.

Here, the Wasananda creeps,
Widening in the course it keeps;
Here, the silent, crystal stream,
Mirrors every glance and gleam;
Wild flowers, nodding to themselves,
Wild birds, turning with the elves;
O, the soul of Nature keeps
Where the Wasananda creeps.

ETHELBERT.

The Signing Over of the Chapter House.

FIRST PRIZE, SHORT STORY CONTEST.

Early in the fall of 1900 the quiet little college town of B—— was stirred by the following announcement:

"On December first of this year, I will give to the fraternity whose members fulfill certain conditions which I have drawn up and placed in the hands of Mr. Morrett, my attorney, a chapter house, costing \$15,000, now in the course of construction at the corner of Pine and Locust streets."

(Signed) A. J. ROYCE.

The circumstances which led up to this announcement, made it doubly interesting.

B—— was situated in the midst of a most charming country. The wooded hills, the well kept and fertile fields, the ravine, and the creek ambling along in the bottom, formed an environment ideal to the student who was a lover of nature, and at least very pleasant to the man who had no time, except for his books. Being a small town, it was not widely known, though some of the aristocracy from the City not far away had their summer residences there, and delighted in the quiet life and beauty of the place.

The students at the University were only three hundred in number, but they were a large factor in the life of the town of B——. Besides this they formed a sort of student community teeming with life in itself. There were the Greek letter fraternities, Tau Delta, Chi Rho, and Phi Alpha; the literary societies, Phillan and Parexian, and the class organizations.

The school was strictly non-co-educational; indeed, if anything could call forth impassioned oratory from the students it was that subject.

Now, the town of B—— was not progressive along building lines like so many of the towns of our day, and it was beginning to outgrow itself. It was next to an impossibility to buy or rent a house. If you wanted a house very badly you had to wait 'till some one died, or pay enormous prices to have one built.

While it kept the townsmen poor paying rent, it was out of the question for the fraternities to support chapter houses. A single room was the best they could do.

A prominent citizen of the town and one who took an active interest in college affairs was old Colonel Royce, a graduate of Yale in the latter fifties and a hero of the troublous times in the early sixties. The Colonel had succeeded in amassing a considerable fortune in the lumber business and had retired to B—— to spend his remaining days in peace. He was extravagant in his tastes and had fitted up a magnificent home. The beautifully laid out grounds and gardens were the pride of the Colonel's

heart. He had only one child, a daughter, and she was homely as a mud fence. Her mother had died when the daughter was very young, so father and daughter went on in life together. Etta Royce was perfect devotion so far as the Colonel was concerned, but her interest in mankind seemed to stop there. Probably the lack of interest between her and mankind was mutual, at any rate, the Colonel's house was not noted for the number of its visitors.

One can imagine the fever heat to which excitement was raised upon the issuing of the announcement. The fraternity men knew the Colonel was a Greek, too, and not entirely ignorant of their practices. But what was his ideal fraternity? What were the conditions? It was like guessing at how many beans in the pot, only there was nothing tangible here to form a basis on.

Each fraternity seemed to wait for the others to begin operations, though all took general precautions. Colors were in evidence everywhere. The fraternity men were all gentlemen. They ceased wearing sweaters on Sunday and some of them even went to church.

The fun began when they started to entertain the Colonel. The Phi Alphas opened with an elaborate dinner in the town hall, at which Colonel and Miss Royce were the guests of honor. The table and the hall were artistically decorated. The dinner itself was sumptuous. The Phi Alphas had a Glee Club among their members and after the flattering toasts to the guests had been drunk, a musical treat was indulged in. All pronounced the evening a great success and the boys were greatly encouraged by the Colonel's evident enjoyment of the occasion.

The Chi Rhos went one better (or worse) when they invited the Colonel to a stag dinner. Now, if there was anything that the Colonel liked better than a stag dinner it was two stag dinners, so he was at his best on the evening of the Chi Rho festivity. Let it here be said that though the Colonel had never signed the temperance pledge, some of the Chi Rhos had, so carriages were not in demand enough to excite suspicion. When the evening had passed the boys felt they had a reasonably good hold on the Colonel's heart.

The Tau Deltas apparently lay low for some time and by so doing caused endless excitement for their rivals. They carried on a secret campaign though, and it was not long before it leaked out, for numerous parcels looking suspiciously like presents found their way to the side door of the Royce mansion, and many well-groomed young gentlemen found their way to the front door to pay their respects to the lady of the house.

The Chi Rhos and the Phi Alphas had not ignored this duty and frequently calls conflicted, to the annoyance of both callers, though they dared not show it.

Every possible courtesy was extended to Colonel and Miss Royce by the fraternity men on every possible occasion, and the rest of the school looked on with a knowing smile.

December first, the eventful day, at last arrived. On this evening the town hall was gorgeously decorated with national and fraternity colors, and the fraternity men of B—— were entertained there at dinner given by their former guest. Rivalry was laid aside and all the young men entered into the spirit of the occasion with great zest. Colonel Royce sat at the head of the table, acting as toast master. Beside him sat Mr. Morrett, his attorney. The dinner was ended. The flow of wit in the form of toasts had subsided. All looked to the Colonel for the broaching of the important feature of the evening. With much solemnity the Colonel at last arose, holding in his hands a folded sheet of paper, evidently the mysterious conditions. All was breathless expectation while the Colonel cleared his throat and began.

"Young gentlemen, members of the various fraternities, I hold in my hand the conditions mentioned in the announcement made in early September, and which I will now make known to you."

He unfolded the document and turned it to the young men. What they saw was a blank sheet of paper. But it was no more blank than the faces which beheld it. After a moment's pause the speaker continued.

"In my college days I belonged to Sigma of Pi Beta Phi. In those days very few fraternity houses were in existence, but it was the fond ambition of every chapter to have one.

"As you no doubt do, the boys of my time would lie on the bed, put their feet on the wall, and conjure up what you would style magnificent pipe-dreams of chapter houses.

"Pi Beta Phi is an offspring of Tau Delta and I have the honor of being one of its founders. Time has effaced the ill feeling I bore for Tau Delta, and recognizing her as the mother of my own fraternity, I have great pleasure in signing over to Delta of Tau Delta, the house at the corner of Pine and Locust streets."

The speaker was here interrupted by loud and continued applause from the sons of Tau Delta, while disappointment was plainly stamped on many another face. The Colonel raised his hand for silence and continued.

"The good natured rivalry among you young gentlemen this fall has given me very great pleasure indeed. I bear no ill will toward our other friends present this evening, and to show my interest in the welfare of the Greeks of the University, I have let contracts for the building of two similar houses, which I shall present when completed in a few months, to Nu of Chi Rho and Beta of Phi Alpha."

A brief silence followed this unexpected statement. Then a terrific

shout arose from throats wonderfully developed along those lines by college yells, and mighty whoops, such as only college men—and Indians—know how to give broke forth on the still night air of the town of B——.

Only the cold and the falling snow prevented the young men from waking up the town and carrying the hero of the day on their shoulders. What took place the rest of the evening or how they finally got home, most of them don't know yet. The rejoicing was carried on for a week.

If you visit B—— now on December first you will find three houses in town brilliantly lighted, where joyous young men are escorting charming young ladies about to the sweet strains of music, and in the drawing-room you will see a large picture of a white haired old man to whom the young men point with pride and say, "Our friend and benefactor, Colonel Royce."

"Rob Roy."
(ROBT. E. PYE.)

Colonel Samuel E. Tillman, U. S. A.

Among the many old students who have attended Miami University during their boyhood days and afterward risen to great prominence and usefulness in the world may be mentioned the name of Col. Samuel E. Tillman, now a professor in the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. He came from Shelbyville, Tennessee, and was a student in 1864-5, leaving Oxford in June of the latter year and graduating at the Military Academy four years later. His father was a personal friend of President Andrew Johnson and that was how the son came to be sent to West Point and choose the profession of arms. His first tour of duty was as a second lieutenant in the Fourth Artillery; this from the 15th of June, 1869, till the 10th of June, 1872, at which time he was transferred to the Engineer Corps with the rank of first lieutenant. It seems that from the very day he entered the Military Academy down to the time of his graduation he held a high standing and displayed a remarkable aptitude for his studies. He graduated number five in his class and would have been assigned to the engineers had there been a vacancy in that corps. Upon entering the engineers he was at once assigned to duty at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington and shortly afterwards was sent along with a number of other distinguished men to Tasmania, there to take observations in regard to the transit of Venus during an eclipse of the sun. In 1873 he was called to the Military Academy as first assistant to Prof. Henry L. Kendrick, of the chair of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology and upon the retirement of the latter, December 21, 1880—after a continuous service of 45 years—succeeded him—certainly a remarkable promotion—that of a full Colonelcy. The New

York Herald in commenting on this, said that the promotion was eminently proper and went on to say that Tillman was one of the best teachers and scholarly men who had ever been connected with the West Point School.

Sam Tillman came to Oxford in September, 1864, as an awkward, long-haired, loose-jointed boy—a typical southerner in his polite ways and sunny disposition. He was much liked by all who knew him. He roomed in the old southeast in the second-story room, right in the corner at the left as you enter the building. His chum was a young chap by the name of Byers from Indiana. After he had been at West Point some two years, his friend, Dr. A. N. Ellis, went there to visit him and at first did not recognize him on account of the remarkable change and improvement in personal appearance. Col. Tillman is known throughout the nation as a versatile and accomplished writer upon many scientific subjects and his productions have appeared in many of our leading periodicals, especially the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*.

Some Consequences.

Freshmen in the counting-house,
Counting out their money.
Fish-man in his wagon,
Eating bread and honey.
Sophomores in the South Dorm,
A new door to their den.
Preps informing all the rest
How it should have been.



Asbury E. Krom.

Mr. Krom was born at Springfield, a small farming community of Southwestern Indiana, noted alike for the fertility of its soil, and the thrift of its inhabitants. The immediate ancestors of the residents were pioneers. They cleared their own farms, and left to their sons, as their best heritage, a sturdiness of character, rendered all the keener by their own necessary hand-to-hand conflict with nature.

Of these pioneers, next to their eminent manliness, and their devotion to the services of God, nothing is perhaps more remarkable than the great value they set upon the advantages of education. They knew that these were no longer open to themselves, now past the time when men usually devote themselves to learning, and closely occupied, as they were in the struggle for existence, and yet what they could not obtain for themselves, they resolved that their sons and daughters should have; and thus it came about that no sooner had they cleared away the primeval forests, and erected rude churches, than they bent their efforts to the foundation of schools and colleges.

It was in these that Mr. Krom received his early training. Leaving the lower schools, he studied for some time at Moore's Hill, and then went on to Miami University which had but recently been reopened. Here he spent four fruitful years, being graduated A. B. with the class of '92, as first honor man. Of this period much could be written, for, because of his excellent natural talents, and his unusually attractive personality, Mr. Krom quickly became a strong force in the life of the college. His activity reached all parts of this life, and his energy in promoting all that was best in it was unremitting. It was here that were laid the foundations of much that has come since then. Firm and lasting friendships were made, a natural devotion to the welfare of humanity sharpened, and an ambition for sound scholarship aroused. During the last two years of this life at Miami, Mr. Krom was a leading figure in most of the college organizations. He was editor of *THE STUDENT* during '89-'91, and its business manager during '91-'92. At the Class Day exercises of the class of '91, he was the Junior Orator, and many doubtless remember with what excellent humor he acquitted himself of this task.

Up the central aisle of the crowded chapel he went, tall and majestic, followed by an obedient black slave (another Junior), who bore with difficulty a huge valise, and a mighty step-ladder. When the platform was reached, the slave set up the ladder and opened the portentous valise, from the roomy depths of which he produced a great stack of manuscript, a foot and a half in thickness. This he placed on a reading stand, and then perched, ape-like, high up on the ladder, while the orator annihilated with his eloquence, his hated antagonists, the Seniors.



ASBURY E. KROM.

Twice he was sent as a delegate to the national D. K. E. convention, and the prominence of Kappa chapter at this time was not a little due to his efforts, to the weight of his counsel in directing the chapter's activity, and to the attractiveness of his personality in dealing with the new men. In '92-'93 he returned to Moore's Hill as professor of Latin and Greek, but he was forced to resign this position by the uncertainty of his health. Having regained his strength, he spent the rest of the year as a student of History and Sociology at Johns Hopkins University, of Baltimore, Md., where besides improving his knowledge of these subjects, and increasing his love for them, he made some pleasant acquaintances.

In '93-'94 his health having become again somewhat impaired, he sought to recover his strength and at the same time to continue his devotion to what had now become his chosen field of work by going to Southwestern Arizona as a missionary. Returning to the east in the Fall of '94, he entered Union Theological Seminary, of New York, and in connection with this primary work, he took up some graduate courses in Philosophy and Ethics in Columbia University. During these very profitable and active years, he was most strongly influenced by Dr. McCiffert, professor of ecclesiastical History at Union, and by Dr. Nicolas Butler, then Professor of the History of Philosophy at Columbia, now president of the University.

Along with his studies, Mr. Krom also acted as director of the Phelps Settlement, on Thirty-fifth street, a mission supported by Dr. Atterbury's church. This brought him into a pleasant relationship with that eminent pastor, which still continues, Mr. Krom having delivered two sermons in Dr. Atterbury's church since the New Year.

Immediately after being graduated B. D. with honors by Union, in '97, he was again driven West by the failure of his health, and this time he became pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Houston, Texas. Leaving this in December '97, he accepted a call to the Bergen Point Reform Church, of Bayonne, N. J., where he worked with success for two years, making many friends, and building up his church. In '00-'01 being granted a year's leave of absence, he entered the Divinity School of Harvard University, as Williams Fellow; a scholarship given to him because of excellent work in Christology. Here, also, he took up some additional work in the kindred University, and he came under the powerful influence of Professor Palmer, in Ethics, and of Professor Royce, in Philosophy. Not less potent, however, than these forces were those in the Divinity School itself, and he received lasting impressions, and a powerful stimulus from Professor Toy, Professor Peabody, Professor Everett and others.

At the expiration of this year, Mr. Krom was called to the Benefit

Street Congregational Church, of Providence, R. I., the oldest and next largest church in that old and rapidly growing city. He then resigned his pastorate in Bayonne, and has ever since wrought powerfully at the reorganization and revivification of his new charge. Nothing can be harder than the keeping together, and increasing a large, down town church, so far away do most of the members live, and so much easier of access are many of the newer churches, situated in the heart of the resident district, and yet Mr. Krom's efforts are being attended by a marked success. This is largely due to his quite unusual power of winning and holding friends—a power, which enables him to obtain many willing helpers in the execution of his cherished plans. Other prominent and useful characteristics are great vigor, strong determination, a gift for organization and genuine earnestness.

In his preaching, he is progressive, strong and unrhetoical; a reader of the best books, and a friend and advocate of what the newer criticism has firmly established.

During the summers he seeks much needed rest in Europe, and thus he has not only rendered the foundations of his strength firmer, but he has also become a kind of pastor Ulysses, who by much wandering, by the sight of many cities and many lands, has built up an extensive comparative knowledge of mankind, of no little value to him in the prosecution of his work.

S. W. C.—'95.

Cherchez la Femme.

Don't you recall that balmy day
We spent alone together,
With old Labiche's maddest play,
Down where the city tourists stray?
And if my sorrows slid away
And this lank phiz grew strangely gay
I'd like to to take the floor to say
It wasn't all the weather.

The plot grew thick and tumbled by,
And loosed decorum's leashes;
You shrieked with laughter—well, and I—
I wasn't just inclined to cry.
But if you sought the reason why
I smiled so broadly, I'd reply,
No matter where the fault may lie
It wasn't all Labiche's.

And then it grew too dark to see
 The Frenchman's vivid visions;
 You rose and started off, and we—
 Just you, Labiche, and I—the three—
 Strolled home and drank some blissful tea.
 And drinking, I grew blithe and free
 As old Labiche across the sea.
 And yet I knew it couldn't be
 Entirely the provisions.

I've followed since with anxious care
 The plays eccentric pageant,
 Sucked Oolong, stormed the tourist's lair,
 And fled in rage and black despair.
 There's something lacking; do I dare
 Ask *you* for the reagent?

—R. T. H., *Miami*, '00,
St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Hermit of White Water Valley.

[We offer in this issue a true story of the early days in Butler County written by Roger Williams '72, brother of Rev. Mark Williams '58. Mr. Williams was editor of THE MIAMI STUDENT and during his Senior year, editor and part owner of the The Oxford Citizen, still published as the Oxford News. He planned to enter journalism as a profession and with that in view studied in the University of Goettingen, Germany, after graduation. He died, without realizing his ambitions, in 1873. From the context this paper may be either a literary society or a fraternity essay.]

In the year 1797 when Ohio was still an almost uninhabited territory, a stranger came to a little settlement near Cincinnati and, after staying there a few weeks, departed. No one knew whence he came or whither he went.

His personal appearance was exceedingly striking. Although appearing not more than forty years of age his long straggling locks were nearly white, his eyes had a certain restless expression about them and there was something so peculiar about his whole person that he became an object of unusual interest to every observer.

In the course of a few months afterward a hunter from the settlement while pursuing game came upon a solitary cabin in the depths of the forest whose sole occupant he found to be the mysterious stranger. There he had collected all his effects which consisted of a rifle, ammunition and a well stocked library. These abundantly supplied both his physical and mental wants. There in solitude he passed away several years, rarely seeing a human face. But after a time immigrants began to pour in and the unwelcome sound of the settler's ax fell upon his ear. His nearest neighbors occasionally paid him friendly visits and his secluded

and mysterious manner of living attracted such general notice that many visited him, moved by curiosity alone

He was remarkable for his knowledge of the dead languages and his learning was of such a general nature that the ignorant and uneducated settlers regarded him as a modern Solomon. His most eccentric hobby was the attempt to discover perpetual motion. To this he devoted all his spare moments. It is needless to say, however that his attempt to solve this great problem was a failure, as all others have been.

In the year 1810 some of the nearest settlers began to remark among themselves that they had not seen the Hermit (for thus they named him) for a long time and apprehending something wrong a search was instituted and he was found lying cold in death in his cabin. There were no marks of violence upon his body nor were there any indications of disease and all were constrained to call it the mysterious death of a mysterious man.

A few years afterward a younger brother came into the neighborhood in search of him and so the inquisitive neighbors learned that the old Hermit's name was David Lloyd, that he was a native of Wales and that as the oldest son he had inherited a large fortune from his father. As he had fallen in love with a lass who would not return his affections he had become disgusted with the world and had left home, friends, country and everything to spend the remainder of his life in a foreign land brooding over his misfortunes.

Verily, Brother Moore exclaimeth with reason, "Alas how will a man follow a piece of calico!"

As an appendix to the above I will state I can still show to any doubting mind the location of the old Hermit's cabin as it is only three miles from my home.

An Echo From the Past.

[In response to a letter of our alumni editor last summer the following was received. It is interesting because of its author, who is at present an honored and venerable and wide-awake citizen of the state of Illinois; besides being one of the oldest of Miami's living alumni, perhaps the oldest; but it is more interesting from the hearty cheerful spirit that pervades it and for the glimpse it gives us of college life at Miami in the thirties.—ED.]

You ask me to write something for the STUDENT and suggest "My College Days" as an acceptable theme. It is generally understood that old persons largely live in the past. I do not give an unqualified assent to that opinion however, for throughout an active life of eighty-three years I never felt more serious interest in the public affairs of this country or of the world in general, than I feel today. Nevertheless "My College Days" stay with me and will, doubtless, to the end of life.

It is a happy fact that the brightest and most pleasant scenes of early life linger longest and clearest in memory. A healthy mind in old

age seems almost like the sun dial, in that as life passed it has noted only sunny hours. All the dark shadows disappear. To enjoy the retrospect let me caution you undergraduates at "Old Miami" to crowd as many "sunny hours" as possible into your college life. Duty well performed, honors fairly earned, close and worthy friendships with your professors and fellow-students, will gladden your hearts throughout your after lives. Love for your Alma Mater will grow as the distance widens and the view becomes broader.

But what of my "College Days?" When I entered the sophomore class at fifteen years of age in 1835, I was four years older than the University. Under the presidency of that grand old man, Doctor Robt. H. Bishop and a corps of accomplished professors it was, already, easily first among the educational institutions west of the Alleghany mountains. Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and the Southern States bordering on the Mississippi River, were its chief patrons. Then, as doubtless now, a large majority of the students, were earnest, ambitious, self-respecting, hard-working boys intent on acquiring an education at "College" not for its social distinction but in the spirit of the motto of the University "Prodesse quam conspici."

Of course we had our "Sports," for "Boys will be boys" anywhere and everywhere, but they were tame in comparison with those now in vogue, without training or system and wholly voluntary. We had no gymnasium but the open campus. Football was participated in by all and the choice players were those who were fleetest on foot. We had no "Clubs" or "Smokers" and, indeed, little of the social life now so popular at College. Nevertheless we were happy in our ignorance and simplicity. I would not undervalue physical training in connection with or as part of a college course, but I would, if possible, eliminate every serious danger of personal injury and subordinate its influence in distracting attention from the higher aims and duties of college life.

With the kindest remembrance of the past and best wishes for the future of "Old Miami," I beg to subscribe myself her loyal son,

JOHN P. REYNOLDS '38.

Fox Lake, Illinois

Sept. 7, 1903.

The Sophomore's Christmas Vacation.

He was a sophomore; yes, it is the same old beginning and you may expect a repetition of the same old jokes about foolish wisdom and other quaint sayings of antique and learned extraction. There is however considerable reason shown in saying this particular student was a second-year man for he had not yet lost his extreme delight in Christmas vacations nor had he gained that self-control which restrains a man from

talking college all the time. His spirits were as buoyant as his thoughts were light; his knowledge of the world as great as his own vast compound of learning. He was tall, foot-bally, fair, well versed in all the little politenesses of society such as his home town gave him opportunity to observe.

The last week before the Christmas vacation a great scheme had been planned by a dozen or so of the fellows, the greater part of whom all lived in the same town; the plan was somewhat on the coöperative idea. Each man who lived in this favored city should invite some one of the fellows who was not so fortunately situated to spend the vacation with him and then, all the crowd once more together, would show the natives of the village what real fun and college good times were. Our Sophomore was one of those to be invited.

To understand and properly appreciate the minor details, you must know something of the town which was to be given such a boon. It had, say twelve thousand inhabitants scattered over the hills, a lot of pretty girls, some considerable pretensions to a place in the society notes of the Sunday Enquirer. It is needless to make a further description since every one has heard of and knows all about the seat of the sharp-silver mines (this famous metal, something like quick-silver, has recently been discovered here near the river) and also of the new cereal factory which makes the famous graham binkler, the greatest biscuit breakfast food now on the market.

It would take several pages to tell of the many ripples made on the cold bosom of society's glassy and conservative lake. I believe it would be an exciting tale if properly told, for the story of broken glass is always heard with relish, wherever and whenever it occurs, whether of people throwing stones from out their glass houses or of boys breaking tower windows or of the crash on the above mentioned lake.

Of these many adventures there is but one that I know about; my knowledge of that one, however, is not to be questioned for I happened to be visiting the father of our Sophomore when that excited youth returned from his visit. He had but a day in which to tell of all the great joys of his life and consequently not one moment to lose. It took the excitement of the dinner table to bring out the real gem. Some boys talk better when they are in the presence of things to eat; the anticipation seems to unloose their tongue. Others find all their time taken up in a mild sort of speculative anticipation which binds the tongue.

"Don't you know, father," began our hero just when the meat was being carved and reply was impossible and probable squelchings impossible as well, "the funniest thing I ever saw happened the night we were all invited to dinner at Greathouse's; we knew it would be awfully swell for Art had told us all about Roy Greathouse and all his connections.

They have gobs of money. It was a stag affair but that didn't make it any the less formal for many of us were too little acquainted with each other to throw off our society reserve."

His mother interrupted, "But my dear, I trust you are a gentleman always."

The sweet confidence which was expressed in question brought for a moment a troubled look into her son's face but after a second's hesitation came the answer. "Sure mother, but you don't understand just how it was; of course we weren't going to do anything bad but it was sort of hard to be so stiff and exact. There were fourteen of us and I was at the far end of the table from Roy—,

"Why don't you tell what you're going to," the kid brother interrupted, "what difference did it make where you sat, so long as you got something to eat."

"Just shows how little you know. You don't go to such places to eat; it's to act proper and see how the host does things and you see I was a long ways off."

This explanation was received by the younger brother in silence which by a certain peculiar turn of his nose betokened disgust. The college boy continued:

"I never saw such a bunch of forks and spoons in all my life. I had as many at my plate as would fill our spoon holder. There were five in front of me; one for soup, I supposed, three teaspoons, and one little one. I counted them over and over, for we didn't have much to talk about, and wondered how it would all come out. I knew a mistake would mean something to eat and nothing to eat it with. The forks were on the right, three of them."

Father looked anxiously at his son and said, "Something of a worry, wasn't it?"

"Oh I don't know," replied the complacent youth, "I felt I knew a considerable and then I was determined to watch Roy even if I had to shade my eyes with my hand to do it. Bouillon came first. I felt sure of myself here, so had no hesitation in selecting the proper implement. Dick sat next to me. You know Dick" he said, turning to me, "He's that quiet, funny kind of fellow whom I introduced you to that day you met me in Oxford."

Of course I remembered his every feature. "Dick turned to me," resumed the entertainer and whispered, "I never could endure this stuff; nothing but dishwater and pepper, and a heap of pepper for the quantity of moisture. Guess I'll be very indifferent about it and save up a bit for later developments."

"Poor Dick! he didn't see the tragic irony—"Come off" yelled the kid, "talk American here; I guess anyone could tell you had been to college without any extras like that."

"Will you—" (the dear mother knew her sons well and came at once to the rescue) "go on, dear; what happened, I'm so interested in Dick?"

Her son resumed but with something of an aggrieved spirit "Since Dick did not eat any soup he just left his spoon lying untouched. We never noticed it then, but presently when a couple of other spoons had been used and renewed, that big spoon began to stare from the decreasing number into Dick's face. I noticed it and grinned. Of course I never meant for him to see me but he did. We're old friends, you know but I saw him blush at my looks. I don't know why but his pride seemed dreadfully hurt. He became so uneasy that his neighbor on the right noticed it; of course the man across from him could not help seeing that great big spoon lying beside a couple of small spoons, one of them so tiny that the big one looked like a grandpa to it. A grin accompanied every look, and every grin no matter how small it was, seemed reflected from that big spoon up to poor Dick's eyes."

His mother, always so genuinely kind said with some feeling, "What was the matter with the waiter? He must have been very new at serving dinners."

Son again, "Well he left it there anyway; maybe he thought it would have been more noticeable to remove it than let it alone. The story of the spoons is not all done yet. We still had a fork and two spoons left—Dick of course had three—when they brought us what I took to be sherbet; I did feel a little nervous about this matter. I couldn't imagine how we were to use up all those implements on this one poor innocent little cup, and yet at the boarding house, sherbet means Finish. I counted again; one fork and two spoons. When I had finished this speculation" (another 'long low sibilant' from the kid which was disdainfully unnoticed by his brother) "I looked to my right; my right neighbor was looking at me, and then we looked at the implements—"

"Dear, I wouldn't call them that" said his mother. "Well mother, what can I call them: I've said spoon so often, and after studying rhetoric I don't like always to be repeating the same word. Utensil won't do."

"Go on, Jack" said his father, "tell us the end."

"Guess I will hurry, for I'm getting too hungry to eat so slow as this. It was just as if we were all worked by some sort of machinery. I looked at John and John looked at me."

"I know that pome" said the youngster, 'Seven Sisters.' Bet you can't say the next line, Jack." No notice was taken of the interruption.

"We all moved our heads first to the right, then to the left, and then with common consent toward Roy. I guess he was fussed a little too. Dick was grinning now. It was a moment to try a fellow's metal; a mistake meant social degradation." I caught a sly wink here from

his father's eye. "Roy shut his mouth resolutely. I fancied I could hear

'Cannon to right of them
Cannon to left of them.'

(Prolonged snigger from the kid). "He picked up that little spoon. All this didn't take long but it was fierce while it lasted. The reaction was peculiar."

"Say Mamma," I heard in a whisper, "don't Jack use big words now."

"We all began talking at once and all felt so relieved and easy like, and the world was free from care and all that. Dick felt so good that he just boldly put that big spoon in the glass as well as the little one and no one seemed to take any notice at all.

"The rest of the imple— cutlery went off in regular order: fork for salad, and spoon for ice cream. Say but I was glad when there was only one spoon left. I knew there couldn't be any mistake then."

"My son you did nobly," said his father. "Mother, maybe you had better put a few extra spoons about Jack's place; it may help to wear away that uneasiness."

"Oh I don't know as I was much disturbed about it. But say, father, what would you call them if you didn't repeat the word spoon and fork all the time?"

—'03.

Haunted House.

The old door creaks,
And groans with rust.
The old floor squeaks,
And webs and dust
The traveler welcomes in.

The rain beats through
The broken pane;
The wind sighs, too,
A sad refrain,
And urge his stay within.

He lights a fire.
The flickering flame
Brings shadows dire,

And helps him frame
Some thoughts that entertain.

The rats run round,
And spiders crawl,
And the dismal sound
Of the hoot owl's call
His lonely thoughts refrain.

He makes his bed
Upon the floor.
The embers shed
Their light no more
And sleep then strives with care.

But moans and sighs
And ghostly groans,
And shapes that rise
From dead men's bones
And hold the house their lair

Have naught of dread
That can compare
To what in sleep
May haunt him there.
Beware the haunted house! Beware!

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Editorial.

Miami's

Gauntlet.

The conscience of the college youth receives many a severe wrench in the course of four years' experience; and many a custom "we first endure, then pity, then embrace." We are led to this reflection by a paragraph in the "MIAMI STUDENT" of February 1892, which is as peculiarly apt for January 1904: "There seems to have seized the minds of a great number of our students the idea that they must display their manliness—as they are pleased to call it—by massing in the halls leading from the chapel immediately after a lecture or entertainment and forming, as it were, a gazing, boisterous gauntlet through which the sensitive college girl must pass in making her exit from the building. Such conduct has come to be a veritable nuisance and is condemned by all right minded students. Perhaps this new, yet rapidly increasing custom is the result of thoughtlessness on the part of a few of the younger boys. But it is none the less annoying on that account. They should bear in mind that they are not only lowering their own dignity, but the dignity of the institution. We pride ourselves that we are dealt with as young men in search of knowledge, rather than subjected to the customs and discipline regulating our common and kindergarten schools. Self respect alone should deter the actors from a repetition of this."

Such was the attitude a decade ago. We must bear in mind too that this was the attitude at a time when a woman in the halls would draw a second look from masculine Propriety himself. But now, in 1904, when the sweet-voiced echoes never die, and the 'silken rustle' never

ceases on the chapel stairs; in this leap year when woman's smiles will be showered upon our boys whether or not they wait at the foot of the stairs, there is absolutely no excuse for the "gazing boisterous gauntlet."

It is a discourtesy to the women who assemble in our chapel. It is rude and ill-bred. No code of college etiquette can justify it.

Were we to emulate the example of a neighboring daily newspaper we would ask at the beginning of this year, **The Literary Societies** "How can we make Miami better?" By better, we mean better as it concerns us as individual students who are here for self-improvement. How can we profit in a larger degree from the advantages and opportunities that are opened to us? We might mention many ways; but at this season one is especially obvious: by coming to the support of a Literary Society.

On account of the Inter-Society Contest, rather more interest centers in the Societies now than usual. But it is a mere passive interest, and makes neither more earnest workers nor better work.

The Cincinnati debate is not far off. Cincinnati has gone down in defeat in every contest with us, intellectual or otherwise, for several years. But that does not make the winning of this year's debate more easy; rather harder, for Cincinnati is making every effort to get her strongest men, and all of them, for the try-out. This means that she will have a good team of debaters. The preliminary work necessary to an intelligent debate can hardly be got except in the literary society. This means that Miami must enlist the aid of every man to make the try-out as hotly contested as possible. More of the upper classmen must be brought into the societies and must work when they are there. This would brighten the prospect immensely for Miami.

On another page of this issue is published the first prize short story, "The Signing Over of the Chapter House," by Robert E. Pye.

The second prize was awarded to "Teno Kiyomori," a most excellent story by C. E. Pattison.

University Notes.

On Monday evening, December 7, 1903, in Miami Chapel, we enjoyed the third number of the Union Lyceum Course. It was a dramatic recital of Shakespeare's "King Lear", by Professor S. H. Clark who is at the head of the Department of Public Speaking in the University of Chicago, and principal of the Chautauqua School of Expression at Chautauqua, New York. Professor Clark has a national reputation as reader and lecturer, and is perhaps best known, especially by the teachers

of the country, as the author of "How to Teach Reading in the Public Schools," and "The Handbook of Best Readings." He has ability, and his reading of "King Lear" was very good although some thought it was not as good as his reading from the play "Cyrano de Bergerac" which he gave here a few years ago. We believe however every one was pleased with his presentation of "King Lear."

During the holiday vacation, President Benton and Dean Minnich attended the meeting of the Ohio College Association at Columbus. This is the highest educational organization in the State. It is composed of the Presidents, Deans, Professors and Instructors of the fifteen leading colleges in Ohio. We are pleased to note the honor conferred upon President Benton. At this meeting he was unanimously elected president of the Association. Dr. Benton was also made chairman of a committee consisting of himself, Dr. Charles F. Thwing, president of Western Reserve University; Dr. James W. Bashford president of Ohio Wesleyan University; Dr. George Scott, president of Otterbein University, and Dr. Freudly, professor of Education at Ohio University. This Committee is to report next year on a uniform course of study for colleges, especially regarding electives and required studies, and the amount of work required for the baccalaureate degree, together with the formulation of an educational policy for the State of Ohio.

We unintentionally omitted from the December STUDENT a brief account of the meeting of the Modern Language Association of Ohio which was held during the Thanksgiving vacation at Columbus. This is the only organization of this kind in the State. Dr. James was President of the Association last year, and he delivered an address at this meeting. Professor Brandon also read a paper at this meeting.

Those interested in the organization of science will remember that American scientific societies and institutions of learning have set aside the week in which the first day of January falls as a time of convocation for scientific meetings. The American Association for the Advancement of Science with twenty affiliated societies met at St. Louis during the week beginning December 28, 1903. Counting the sections of the American Association there were at least thirty scientific organizations in session. Among these were: The Botanical Society of America, The Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America, The American Society of Naturalists, The American Society of Zoologists—Central Branch, The American Mathematical Society, The American Chemical Society, etc.

Hon. Carroll D. Wright, U. S. Commissioner of Labor and president of Clark College presided over the Association, and Dr. Ira Remsen,

president of Johns Hopkins University, gave the address of the retiring president. Two lectures were given by David Starr Jordan, President of Leland Stanford University. And before the Zoologists Dr. Williams, of Miami University, read a paper upon "A Restricted Habitat of *Scutigera immaculata* together with some Remarks on the Animal and its Habits."

The following valuable new books have been added to the Miami University Library since January 1, 1904: Russell Sturgis' "Dictionary of Architecture and Building," three volumes; B. E. Fernow's "Economics of Forestry;" M. N. Baker's "Municipal Engineering and Sanitation;" Barlow's Tables; R. C. Brooks' "Bibliography of Municipal Problems;" Simon Newcomb's "Reminiscences of an Astronomer;" J. A. Fairlie's "Municipal Administration," W. W. Campbell's "Elements of Practical Astronomy;" W. J. Ashley's "Adjustment of Wages;" Karl Pearson's "Grammar of Science;" J. H. Bridge's "Inside History of the Carnegie Steel Company;" Frank Pearsons' "The City for the People;" Webb's "Industrial Democracy," and about sixty volumes of U. S. Government Documents, making in all about seventy-five new volumes.

It was announced to the readers of the Journal of Education, in an editorial in the December 31, 1903 number, that Dr. Arthur W. James of Miami University would write a series of articles on "Modern Methods in Modern Language Teaching," for that magazine. In introducing Dr. James to the readers, Dr. A. E. Winship, who is editor of the Journal, praises him very highly. These articles will begin in February, or perhaps sooner.

A University Glee Club has been organized by a number of enthusiastic students. Dr. Myers is the leader and he is drilling the boys with the expectation of having them make their debut at the University Service on January seventeenth. The members of the Club are contemplating a tour in the near future.

During the holiday vacation, Dr. James and Prof. Brandon attended the meeting of the Eastern and Central Divisions of the Modern Language Association of America. The meeting was held at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and was attended by Professors of Modern Language from all parts of the United States.

All of Mr. Ha Lew's acquaintances and friends were very much disappointed to learn that he would not be here the rest of this year. When Mr. Lew left his home in Canton, China, he left with the stated intention

of attending school at Furman University, an institution under Baptist control, located at Greenville, South Carolina. And after arriving at San Francisco it was arranged by a friend of Dr. Benton's after getting the consent and approval of the Baptists, to have Mr. Lew come to Miami University. But it is one of the provisions of the unjust law that permits the Chinese to come into this country to pursue studies that they attend school for the first year at the place where they have stated to authorities their intention to attend. Two Chinese students were deported from Oberlin College last year because they didn't attend school where they had stated their intention. Mr. Lew was notified of this fact by the authorities and Dr. Benton was peremptorily ordered by the Custom House Authorities to send Mr. Lew down to Furman University. This is why Mr. Lew left Miami University to attend school at Furman University. His departure was regretted by President Benton and Mr. Lew, himself, as well as his many student friends.

Mr. Lew was a perfect gentleman, and in common sense, in politeness and in culture and refinement, he measured up to any of his Caucasian friends.

THE OHIO HISTORY CLUB.

This club was organized by Professor McIlwain at the beginning of the fall term. There are eleven members and some of their subjects are as follows: The Symmes Purchase, The Defeats of Harmar and St. Clair, Wayne's Victory, The Cumberland Road, Morgan's Raid, The Northwest Territory, History of the Founding of Miami University, Eastern State Claims to Ohio Territory and The Scioto Company.

The Club holds a meeting every Wednesday evening at which a carefully prepared paper on one of the above subjects is read and discussed.

The study of Ohio History is not only interesting but it cultivates the habit of research and note-making. Each person in preparing his paper, is expected to make use of all the books in the library bearing on his subject, from which he selects what he deems the most reliable and authentic. Foot notes are added wherever needed. He also prepares a bibliography of the subject.

The members are all enthusiastic over the work and they are hoping that the Ohio History Club may be made a permanent organization.

LE CERCLE FRAN COIS.

Le Cercle Francais s'est reuni chez M. Brandon le Mercredi après les vacance du jour de l'action de grace. Quelques membres du cercle de l'année passée étaient présents et beaucoup de monde nouveau. On a

choisit pour President, M. Brandon, pour secrétaire M. Marshall. On a nommé un comité pour arranger les programmes des soirées. Le comité a décidé que, la prochaine fois, chacun raconterait une histoire—une expérience personnelle. Les programmes des soirées suivantes vont être arrangés plus tard. Le Cercle se reunira tous les deux jeudi soirs.

ISABEL CARR THOMAS, '06

DER DEUTSCHE CLUB.

Die vierte Versammlung des deutschen Clubs fand am dritten December in der Wohnung von Fraülein Greer statt. Die Anwesenden verbrachten einen sehr heiteren Abend. Frau Professor James las die köstliche Geschichte von Rosegger vor, "Als ich das erste Mal auf dem Dampfwagen saß." Nach dieser lustigen Geschichte spielten wir ein sehr interessantes Spiel, welches uns Gelegenheit gab, uns im Gebrauch der deutschen Sprache zu üben.

Die fünfte Versammlung des Clubs fand bei Herrn Professor James statt. Es war die letzte Zusammenkunft vor Weihnachten, deswegen hatten wir ein echt deutsches Weihnachtsfest. Nebst dem üblichen geschmückten Tannenbaum fehlte es auch an schmackhaftem Backwerk nicht. Dies erschien in Form von Macronen, Früchtenbrot, Bismarkkuchen und zahlreichen anderen Sorten. Wir lieszen es uns auch gut schmecken. Professor James las das Märchen von der Sternblume vor. Wir lenkten bald darnach unsere Schritte heimwärts mit der Hoffnung auf ein baldiges Wiedersehn im neuen Jahr.

EMILY HOCHSTRASSER.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The Erodolphians have elected the following officers for the Winter Term:

President	-	-	-	C. E. Pattison.
Vice President	-	-	-	M. D. Liming.
Secretary	-	-	-	H. R. Rodabaugh.
Critic	-	-	-	H. M. Hughes.
Chaplain	-	-	-	J. L. Kinsey.
Treasurer	-	-	-	S. J. Moore.
Librarian	-	-	-	F. L. Todd.
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	-	-	Martin Porter.

The following officers were chosen by the Miami Union Society:

President	-	-	-	J. M. Gries.
Vice-President	-	-	-	W. H. Altamer.
Secretary	-	-	-	H. H. Eidemiller.
Critic	-	-	-	E. M. Feeney.
Treasurer	-	-	-	M. M. Glasgow.
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	-	-	H. M. Newman.

Both Societies are looking forward to the Oratorical Contest which will occur Saturday evening, January sixteenth.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The first missionary meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held December 6, 1903. Miss Crauder led the meeting, having as her subject, "Work Among the Women of India." Her paper was very instructive, and it succeeded in its purpose—that of arousing interest and sympathy for those less fortunate than we are.

It is the intention of the Society to have a number of these meetings during the year. In connection with this work the chairman of the Missionary Committee is very desirous of starting a Missionary Reading Class which will meet every week if possible.

We are glad that so many girls found it possible to join the Y. W. C. A. last term. On December sixth, thirty-five girls were taken into the Society by a pretty service led by the President. We hope that the new girls will feel that they have their place in the Society, and will take whatever part they can in its work.

The second meeting of December was led by Dr. Benton. He read the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs, presenting to us very clearly the model woman. His talk was an inspiration to the girls, and the highest praise, that could be, was given when they said, "It helped me."

The Society hopes for good work the coming term, when it will be possible for them to have all their weekly meetings.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Y. M. C. A. held but two meetings during the month of December since there were but two Sundays before vacation. The meeting of December sixth was led by Professor Hadsel. Every one thought he made a fine talk. The December thirteenth meeting was led by G. C. Fisher who spoke on "Temptations to Short Cuts."

The Association will renew its efforts during this, the Winter Term, and will push on to greater accomplishments.

Athletics.

BASKET BALL.

The first basket ball game by the men's team was played in the Gymnasium between the University team and the Scrubs.

The game was replete with brilliant plays and was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic attendance. At first the University team made the better showing but soon the superior strength and skill of the Scrubs

made itself shown and they quickly overcame the lead of their opponents. The game resulted in a score of 13 to 8 in favor of the Scrubs. It would seem to a spectator that Miami University would be more fittingly represented by the Scrub team than by the light though quick University team. The teams which will oppose Miami in Basket Ball this winter, will, in the majority of cases be comparatively strong and we must oppose strength to strength to successfully contend with them.

The line up was as follows:

Forwards, University, E. Feeney and P. C. Bing. Scrubs, Robinson and Coleman. Centers, University, C. E. Brown. Scrubs, F. E. Wood. Guards, University, Kaye and Newman. Scrubs, Riese and Brandenburg.

BOARD OF CONTROL.

At meetings of the Board of Control of athletics, held just prior to the vacation, business of much importance was transacted, the most important of which was the managers for the several teams which shall represent Miami University the coming season. J. S. Blickensderfer '06, was elected manager of the football team and we can look forward to a very successful schedule for the season of 1904.

Herbert M. Hughes '04, was elected manager of the baseball team.

The manager of the track team has not as yet been selected but in all probability will be elected in the near future.

The question of a golf links has been agitated this fall and at the last meeting an appropriation was made to be expended in preparing one.

Prof. Hayes and A. L. Kaye were appointed a committee to oversee the matter. There was much discussion concerning a football coach. Miami has been hampered during the past in this line by lack of funds but the season of 1904 will be under the supervision of as efficient a coach as it is possible to obtain, a committee having been appointed and a liberal appropriation made for that purpose.

BASEBALL.

The outlook in this field is very flattering and Miami should be well represented this season. Manager Hughes has already arranged for a number of games of a very high grade including the best schools of the state. The material for this department of athletics is plentiful and there is no reason why we should not have even a better team than that of 1903. As was said in the last issue of the STUDENT the only handicap is the lack of a good pitcher but if those having the ability will but take an interest in the matter, this will be overcome. The schedule will be given in the next issue.

INDOOR BASEBALL.

Among the most important of the mid-winter sports is indoor baseball. Miami in the past has been away above her sister Colleges in this

department of athletics and it is to be hoped that she will maintain her position among them this year. Several games have been scheduled and considerable interest is being taken in this sport.

Normal Notes.

The Normal School has entered upon the second term of the year's work with a splendid enrollment and bright prospects for an enjoyable and helpful term's work. Most of our old students have returned, several bringing with them, new students for the school. At least a dozen new students have enrolled, swelling the number of Normal students now in attendance at Miami, to about one hundred. We are delighted to welcome so many back to Miami and to see so many new girls in our midst. To them we extend a hearty welcome and wish them a happy and beneficial term of work in the Normal School.

On the evening of Dec. 16th, the Normal students met in the Nature room for an old time Christmas tree celebration. The room was very tastefully decorated in holly and cotton, arranged to form a great snow mound, wherein dwelt Santa Claus himself. Every girl present was the recipient of several handsome gifts. Santa Claus at least appreciates the Normalites and seems to find something worth while in the Normal School. Among the beautiful and costly gifts received, was a "stunning" Parisian bonnet, which was presented to Miss Vida DeMar by Santa, as a Christmas remembrance. The bonnet is of the latest pattern and very becoming to Vida.

On Friday Dec. 15th, Superintendent Cox of Xenia, Ohio, delivered a very interesting and enjoyable address to the members of the Normal School. The address was followed by an informal reception, which all enjoyed, and by means of which the girls did all in their power to cultivate the acquaintance of Mr. Cox. This address was the first of a series of lectures, which have been arranged for the benefit of the Normal School. The lectures are to be given every two weeks by several of the ablest men in the State and it is hoped that they will prove a help and a means of enjoyment to both the lecturers and the students.

It may be an item of interest to our students to note that at all the recent educational gatherings in Columbus, the Normal School question was among the most important topics open for discussion. We are glad to see that a new and renewed interest in the State Normal Schools is springing up and that the need and advantage of well trained teachers is everywhere being felt. We only hope that this interest may grow and that the Normal Schools of Ohio may prove to the state, the necessity of a Normal School course for all good teachers.

At the Twentieth Annual Session of the State Association of School Examiners held in Columbus, Ohio, on Dec. 29th and 30th, Dean Minnich

delivered an address which should be of interest to all of us, not only because of the speaker, but because of the address itself. The subject of his address was "Recognition of State Normal Diplomas," a subject in which we are all interested. Professor Minnich's address was followed by an excellent one by Mr. C. L. Swain, member of the Board of State Normal Commissioners, a man with whom we feel slightly acquainted because of his past visits to our school. Our former Dean, Prof. F. B. Dyer, Superintendent of the Schools of Cincinnati, also addressed the meeting on the subject of School Revenues. There were several other excellent addresses delivered by some of the leading educators of the state.

Dr. Bachman, a member of the faculty of the Normal School at Athens, Ohio, delivered an interesting address on the Subsidation of Private Schools at the recent meeting of the Ohio College Association.

Miss Logan spent her Christmas vacation in Chicago visiting schools and Chicago University.

We are delighted to note the return of Miss Margaret Lusby who has been at her home in Cincinnati, quite ill for the past few weeks.

Hallie Moon has made a New Year's resolution to steal no more kindling.

Professor Hoke has changed the style of his hair.

A point which shows the wide spread reputation of our school, is the fact, that among the new students enrolled at the beginning of this term there are several from Summit Co., one of the remote parts of the State. We feel that this is quite an advertisement for the school and hope that these students may feel well repaid for having come such a long distance to attend it.

Arrangements have already been made, not fully but to some extent, for the Normal School Commencement Exercises which are to take place at the graduation of those students who will have completed the Two Year's Course in June.

Alumni.

1840—Mitchell Mathews Brown who has been an active minister in the Presbyterian church and a professor in several different schools has now retired at his home at Golden, Adams County, Illinois. He is the only surviving member of a class of twenty-five. This was the last class graduated by Dr. R. H. Bishop, which was the closing act of his official career.

1856—J. J. Glenn who resides at Monmouth, Illinois, has now retired from the circuit judgeship of that district.

1859—J. A. Reynolds has recently retired from pastorate work and

is editing a manuscript preparatory to publishing. He is now at Spokane, Washington. His address is E. 817 Ermine Avenue of that city.

1859—S. W. Davies has been acting as president of the Dayton National Bank since 1902.

1853—Dr. J. P. E. Kumler has resigned from his position as a minister in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and has removed to Washington, D. C.

Ex-1861—James McCoy Wilson was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1834 and was a student at Miami University before the Civil War. In 1869 he graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary. He served as a home missionary in Nebraska until 1890. He died at Urbana, Iowa, December, 13th, 1903.

1891—Dr. James E. Lough, professor of psychology of the School of Pedagogy of New York University, has been appointed director of the summer school.

Ex-1894—Stanley McMullen, who was a student at Miami University from 1892 to 1894 died last December at the Bellevue hospital in New York where he was employed as an assistant to the superintendent. He was a nephew to the late associate justice of the United States, Honorable Stanley Matthews. He will be remembered by every one in Oxford and the students in school at that time.

1894—Linn J. Earhart is acting as the Presbyterian minister in Republic, Washington, which position he has held since 1899.

1896—Edward McMillan is taking post graduate work at the Indiana State University, Bloomington, Indiana.

1897—A. H. Upham is the professor of the English Language in the University of Agriculture, Utah.

1899—Dr. M. F. Vereker is practicing medicine at Kitchel, Indiana.

1902—J. G. Welsh is a partner in the Oxford Hardware Store, Oxford, Ohio.

1903—Mary Covington has returned from an extended visit in Chicago, Illinois, and has now a large class of music pupils in Oxford.

Wm. Carlos Stevenson who was a student here in the early 90's, died on November 12th, at Redlands, California, where he had gone for his health. Mr. Stevenson was one of the re-founders of the Alpha Chapter of Sigma Chi in Miami in 1892.

Society Notes.

The Students' Recital at Oxford College, December 4th, was a very enjoyable event. The program throughout was pronounced most excellent, both in variety and the way in which each number was rendered. The classical music was most interesting to all present. The recitations

given were well chosen for such an occasion, and the way in which they were delivered was inspiring to the audience. May many such programs be rendered by the students of Oxford College.

The Annual Students' Recital at Western College was given December 8th by the pupils of Miss McElwee, Miss Swezey and Miss Bushnell. The Mozart Club rendered the opening and closing numbers. The Glee Club gave their part of the program in the usual excellent manner. Too much credit can not be given to those who took part in the program, as many of the participants made their first public appearance.

Dr. Edward A. Steiner of the Chair of applied Christianity, Iowa College, gave a very interesting lecture at the Western College, Saturday evening, December 12th, on "Reminiscences of Tolstoi." It certainly is a great privilege to learn of the peculiar characteristics of a foreign people, and Dr. Steiner is capable of presenting his subject in such a way as to make it inspiring to all. He is a writer of great power as well as an eloquent speaker and the Western College was extremely fortunate in securing the services of so scholarly a man as Dr. Steiner.

The Christmas Party announced for Saturday evening, December 12th, at Oxford College, was postponed on account of the death of Mrs. Charles Shera.

The Charlton Concert Company rendered a very delightful program at Western college, Monday evening, December 14. Miss Reese-Davies, soprano soloist, certainly is a talented singer. Her voice is sweet and clear and she sings with so much ease that no one could help being entertained by such an accomplished vocalist. The part rendered by Mlle Van den Hende was excellent. Miss Simmons deserves much credit as a pianist. Many outside friends shared the pleasures of the evening, and the recital was considered by all present to be the most pleasant of the year at Western College.

The Christmas Concert given by the Oxford College Glee Club on Tuesday evening, December 15th, was a great treat to all present. The decorations of holly on a solid white background were beautiful and lent an attractive air to the chapel. The opening number by Miss Hamilton was well rendered and the soloists pleased the audience greatly. Perhaps the most beautiful was the sacred cantata, Bethlehem, by the Glee Club, assisted by four of Oxford's talented vocalists. The style in which this was given evidenced great care and reflected no small credit upon the director, Miss Thayer. The audience was an appreciative one, being composed of many of the faculty and students from Miami University together with out-of-town visitors. Taken as a whole, it was a delightful evening such as Oxford College so often affords.

Locals.

RESOLUTIONS FOR 1904.

Everybody—To quit making paths across the Campus.

Co-eds—To remember that it is Leap Year.

Preps.—To take no more Latin or Greek.

College Girls—To quit wearing caps to the gym.

8rd Preps.—To paint the tower next year.

Western—To have 'something doing.'

Miami Freshies—To pay the damages.

Kinsey—To get on the water wagon.

Gaines—To quit 'butting.'

Williams—To call at the Western.

Davenport—To quit swearing.

Markey—To leave off his sporting life.

"Hercules" S.—To take the 'Stone Method.'

Lydia W.—To quit smiling.

Altamer—To quit peaching.

Kaye—To increase his household.

"Fudge" F.—To love the local editor.

Gries—To press his trousers.

Ethel G.—To reconcile her former friends.

Pye—To be sociable.

James—To quit bowling.

Lawrence—To talk like a white man.

Carrie E.—To get some new music.

Prugh—To create an impression by his natural dignity.

Frances D.—To join the Delta Zetas.

Rodabaugh—To put a life size portrait of himself in the Library.

Moomaw—To leave the velvety bloom on his face.

Julia B.—Not to wind her alarm clocks when she expects callers.

R. D. Brown—To quit society.

Feeney — "To count his many blessings."

Ben. Harrison—To cultivate the acquaintance of the co-eds.

Graham—To meet Miss Richardson.

Smith—To give his ears a rest.

Haines—To quit playing poker and ride with Kinsey.

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Some popular songs, as sung about the Campus:

"E-E-E-va" Nunnamaker

"Sweet Marie" Meeks

"Mamie, Come Kiss Your Baby" Harrison and Markey

"Pearlie—a new one" Britton

Problem:—If it takes West fifteen minutes to osculate L—, how long would it take Teal.

Lawrence to Prof. T—. "You've made a great mistake, haven't you?"

Morphy has returned.

Wood and Robinson received callers in Room 17, N. Dorm., on their return.

'Tis strange, Gaz Silver was not at the Chicago fire.

Miss Goff is growing in popularity.

Everett and Newman visited in Hamilton a few hours on their way back.

Nunnamaker looked in the International for a definition to the word "co-ed."

Soloists of the chorus—Miss Harris and Miss Pitts.

Commodore's taste in women is not improving.

The parrot says: "Ben feeds the monkey peanuts."

Schweickart is going to get a Porter.

Rodabaugh is now autocrat at Unzickers.
Ask Coech to tell you about his "Panther" story.

The bells seem to be working fairly well in Miss Bishop's room—Ask Prof. H.

Yes indeed; most emphatically and most cordially.

Dr. W.—Mr. Lawrence what is your father's name.

Mr. L.—Mr. Lawrence.

First student—Did you ever play "Pit."

Second student—No. Is it hard?

First student—The College girls play it.

Exchanges.

THE SENIOR.

I'd like to be a senior
And with the seniors stand,
A fountain pen behind my ear,
A note book in my hand.
I would not write in it at all,
But keep it clean all day,
For I would be a senior,
And with the seniors stay.
I would not be a president;
'Tis hard to be a king.
I would not be an emperor,
For all the wealth 'twould bring;
I would not be an angel,
For angels have to sing;
Yes, I would be a Senior,
And never do a thing.

—*Daily Student.*

Should the exchanges be sense or nonsense? How often they are neither! Perhaps the safest plan is to print that which pleases. It is proposed to make the Exchange Department of the STUDENT as nearly as possible come up to the standard established by the best periodicals of its class. Friends of the paper are invited to show their interest by sending in such clippings or copies thereof as they think worthy of publication.

In all the universities of France there are no papers, no fraternities, no athletics and no commencement exercises.

—*Case Tech.*

A large number of excellent college papers are on the Exchange Table. We have space to mention only the best. Among these are, Purdue Exponent, Case Tech, O. S. U. Lantern, Rose Technic, Wilmingtonian, Collegian, College Days, Tarcum, H. S. Review (Hamilton) Steele Review, Oracle, Oberlin Review, Earlhamite, Inlander, Wooster Voice, University News (Cincinnati, Ohio), Cresset, Wittenberger, Westminster Monthly, Student Life, Bates Student, Wabash, Mirror, Maroon, Cento, Kilikilik, Student Life, Lawrentian, Antiochian, Phagocyte, Dennisonian, Censer, Black and Red, and Spectator.

An interesting feature of the Maroon of the University of Chicago is the department headed "The known, the unknown and the unknowable."

The Cincinnati University News is out with an editorial urging the co-eds to try to make the debating team which they are going to send to Miami.

Prof. of Latin: "You may give the principal parts of possum."

Student: "Head, tail, and feet."

—*Ex.*

Horace Greeley was a very profane man. He often applied terms to himself that would cause a killing in many places if applied to another. When he was on his death bed with the mysteries of eternity staring him in the face, the N. Y. World says, he called himself terrible names, usually expressed in print by big blanks, to the effect that he was about to go where he belonged and wouldn't need to worry about being warm enough. He never talked again, a short time after, Mr. Greeley's daughter wrote to Whitelaw Reid, the young editor up in the Tall Tower (Tribune Office) asking what her father's last words were. Reid wrote: "Your dear father's last words were: 'I know that my Redeemer liveth.' "

New York City is to have the largest school building in the world, 75 x 200 feet and 6 stories high. Its hall will seat 1,600. It will have 124 classrooms accommodating in all 4,500 pupils. It will be the only school in the world having elevators.

In some German Universities students in chemistry and physics are required to take out life insurance.

—Wabash.

Among the literary articles found in the MIAMI STUDENT is an excellent article on Robert Burns, and to offset this are some gems under the heading, "Some Freshmen Poetry."

—Earlhamite.

Rond Avay

Von Ret and Vite Calf mit its two behind legs vas plack he was a she calf. Aney potty dot pings dot calf home pay me five Tollar.

Hans Hog,
Tree Mile Behind

de pridge,
Bears Creek.

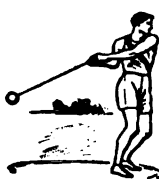
—Wabash.

Among other things the Weekly News of the U. of C. has this to say of the coming Cincinnati-Miami Debate: "The heroes of the gridiron should be succeeded in our affection by the heroes of the forum. The accidental gridiron defeat which we met at the hands of Miami, makes it doubly imperative upon us to win the coming debate with her at Oxford. . . . There are in the University thirty or forty persons each possessed of an ability equal to those who represented us last year.

Another thing is to be considered. We must match Miami and take seventy-five or a hundred rooters with the team.

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Rev. Thomas Finley of the Mosley educational commission, on his departure recently for Europe said that higher education unfitted women for the lower spheres and often they were not capable

of filling the higher ones. He said they could not hope to be scholars and the little veneering of knowledge only made them refuse work in which abilities could succeed.

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Miami.

SECOND PRIZE—POEM CONTEST.

(Written upon entering school.)

Is this Miami?—This the scene,
Always before me in my dream?
Is this the part of all creation
Foremost in my imagination,
Through all these by-gone days?
Have I attained that deep desire,
To follow the footsteps of my sire
Through old Miami's ways?

How oft have I heard the stories
Of Miami and the glories
Of her historical career,
Through less than eighty glorious years.
To her is due all praise;
The thought of her past years doth breed
A benediction, great indeed,
Which will endure always.

This cherished scene I look upon
Seems to speak of something gone:
Of happy days of many one;
Of battles fought and laurels won,
In friendly student strife.
There's something in the atmosphere
Of culture, love, and heartfelt cheer,
And college spirit, rife.

These sturdy trees, if they could speak,
A tale of interest would repeat;
For they have heard the bold designs,
And bloody plots, in strenuous times
Of Miami boys of old,
Those great old dormitory walls.
These dark and dismal college halls
Know secrets, never told.

Then sing ye birds, your joyous song:
And I in thought will join your throng;
For happy in this autumn day,
When I at last can truly say,
"I too, am of Miami."
The red and white with pride I'll wave,
And loyal be unto the grave
To our beloved Miami.

—"*Horatius*."

JULIA L. BISHOP.



"The Cecil Rhodes Scholarships."

No bequest for education made in modern times has attracted such world-wide attention as have the provisions in the testamentary dispositions of the late South African colossus, relating to the establishment of scholarships in the University of Oxford, for students from the British colonies and from the United States. As this year will witness the election of the first students who are to receive the advantages of these scholarships, interest in them will be reawakened, and a few facts in regard to them will, I believe, be welcomed by readers of *THE STUDENT*.

Besides the appropriation for two scholarships to each of the present states and territories of the United States, the will of Mr. Rhodes provides for sixty others, variously apportioned among the provinces of Canada, the colonies in South Africa, Australia and other places. Each of these scholarships has a yearly value of £300, and is tenable at any college in the University of Oxford for three consecutive academical years. In the will Mr. Rhodes says: "My desire being that the students who shall be elected to the scholarships shall not be merely bookworms, I direct that in the election of a student to a scholarship regard shall be had to, (1) his literary and scholastic attainments; (2) his fondness of and success in manly outdoor sports, such as cricket, football, and the like; (3) his qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship; (4) his exhibition during schooldays of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his fellows. * * * As mere suggestions for the guidance of those who will have the choice of students I record that my ideal qualified student would combine these four qualifications in the proportions of three-tenths each for the first and third and two-tenths each for the second and fourth."

The management of the scholarships was left in the hands of the trustees of the will. These trustees selected as their agent in this matter Dr. George R. Parkin, president of Upper Canada College, Toronto. Dr. Parkin devoted something more than a year to the careful investigation of the educational conditions existing in the several countries from which students were to be chosen. In December, 1902, he came to America and conferred with leaders of education in all sections of the Union. In January following he met the National Association of State Universities in Washington, and arranged to meet representatives of the leading colleges in different parts of the country in groups. The purpose of these meetings was to formulate modes of procedure in the selection of scholars as would best meet the educational conditions in different parts of the United States. Following the report made by Dr. Parkin to the trustees of the will, there was issued by them a *Memorandum* of information, which follows, slightly abridged:

The first election of scholars in the United States under the Rhodes bequest will be made between February and May, 1904. The elected scholars will commence residence in October, 1904.

A qualifying examination will be held within this period in each state and territory, or at centres which can be easily reached. This examination is not competitive, but is intended to give assurance that all candidates are fully qualified to enter on a course of study at Oxford University.

It will therefore be based on the requirements for Responsions—the first public examination exacted by the university from each candidate for a degree.

The Rhodes scholars will be selected from candidates who have successfully passed this examination. One scholar will be chosen for each state and territory to which scholarships are assigned.

The requirements of the Responsions examination, as stated in the Statutes of the University of Oxford, are as follows:—

Candidates must offer the following:—

- (1) Arithmetic—the whole.
- (2) Either Algebra or Geometry.
- (3) Greek and Latin Grammar.
- (4) Translation from English into Latin Prose.
- (5) Greek and Latin Authors.

Papers covering this range of study will be prepared by examiners appointed by the Trustees, and will be sent to each centre, where, at a date publicly announced the examination will be held under proper supervision, and the papers returned to the examiners.

A list of those who have passed successfully passed this test will as soon as possible be furnished to the chairman of the committee of selection in each state or province or to the university making the appointment, and from this list the committee or university will proceed to elect the scholars.

The committees and the universities making appointments will be furnished with a statement of the qualifications which Mr. Rhodes desired in the holders of his scholarships, and they will be asked in exercising their right of selection to comply as nearly as circumstances will permit with the spirit of the testator's wishes.

They will also be asked to furnish to the Trustees as full a statement as possible of the school and college career of each elected scholar, with the special grounds of his appointment, together with suggestions, if desired, as to the course of study for which he is best fitted.

It has been decided that all scholars shall have reached at least the

end of their Sophomore or second year work at some recognized degree-granting university or college of the United States.

Scholars must be unmarried, must be citizens of the United States, and must be between nineteen and twenty-five years of age. No student shall be qualified or disqualified on account of his race or religious opinions.

Where several candidates present themselves from a single college or university, the committees of selection will request the Faculty of the college to decide between their claims on the basis of Mr. Rhodes' suggestions, and present to the committee the name of the candidate chosen by that college as its representative in the final election.

Candidates may elect whether they will apply for the scholarship of the state in which they have acquired the above-mentioned educational qualification, or for that of the state in which they have their ordinary private domicile, home or residence. They must be prepared to present themselves for examination in the state they select. No candidate may compete in more than one state.

Candidates for scholarships should, during the month of January, 1904, notify the chairman of the committee of selection in the state or territory for which they apply, or the head of the university appointing to the scholarship, of their intention to present themselves for examination. The decision of the committee of selection or of the university making appointment shall be final as regards eligibility.

Any inquiries about Oxford, its colleges and the courses of study there, should be addressed to F. J. Wylie, Esq., the Oxford agent of the Rhodes trustees. The presidents of American colleges are requested to send to Mr. Wylie, for the information of the trustees, copies of their annual calendar, and such other college literature as they may think useful.

Copies of Oxford Responsion papers for past years can be obtained from the Oxford University Press, 91 and 95 Fifth Avenue, New York. The Students' Handbook of Oxford can be ordered at the same address. It gives full information about the examinations of the university, subject to changes made since the last edition was issued.

"Oxford As It Is," a small pamphlet prepared by Mr. Louis Dyer, of Harvard and Balliol Colleges, for the use of American candidates, gives all essential information in a condensed form. It can be ordered from Macmillan & Co., Fifth Avenue, New York.

"Oxford and its Colleges," written by Mr. J. Wells, of Wadham College, and "Oxford and Oxford Life," edited by the same gentleman, may be recommended for those who wish to gain fuller information about the university and its colleges.

The president of the state university or college is, in most of our

states, the chairman of the committee of selection in his state. The chairman in Ohio is President Thompson, of O. S. U. The names of the members of the committees who will supervise examinations and make appointments in the several states and districts may be learned by applying to the chairmen in the various states or districts. Dr. Parkin returns to America early this year to complete arrangements for the first election of scholars, which will be based upon examinations to be held between February and May, 1904.

The University Senate.

At a meeting of the University Senate, January 25, a number of important matters were considered. It was decided to establish a list of accredited schools where graduates will be admitted to Freshman rank without examination. All high schools marked first grade in the State School Commissioner's classification will be accepted for the present as a part of this list. Students desiring to be admitted on certificates from high schools must present their certificates on or before the Saturday preceding the opening of college in September. Students failing to present certificates by the time specified and students without certificates will be examined by the committee on entrance credits.

The entrance requirements for courses leading to a degree were raised from twelve to fifteen units, and solid geometry was added to the subjects required for entrance. Of these fifteen units ten are fixed and five are elective from a specified list. These new requirements go into effect in September, 1905.

A rule was passed making it a college misdemeanor for a student to frequent any place where intoxicating drinks are sold or pool rooms or bowling alleys in connection with such places. It was further ruled that students should not keep alcoholic beverages in their rooms and that such beverages should not be allowed at banquets given under the authority of Miami students.

The enrollment up to this date, February 2, is 277. Of these 76 are enrolled in the academy, 90 in the Normal school and 111 in the College of Liberal Arts. The present actual attendance is 254.

Hon. Elam Fisher.

It is an old saying that many excellent men have gone out from Miami University: it is not said so often but it might be spoken with equal truth that the greatest men in the eyes of all real lovers of the college are those who have served her in the years following their graduation. To the glory of the University this latter class is not lacking members, among the foremost of whom is Judge Elam Fisher, of Eaton, Ohio. Not only in faithfully attending Board meetings and being present at the annual June exercises—two very important ways—he has shown his loyalty also by his manifest interest in the younger alumni of the college. Many of these younger men have been encouraged by the kindly personal interest he has taken in their welfare.

The story of the boyhood of Elam Fisher is the story of many another alumnus of the University with only the date and place changed. He was born on a farm near Eaton, Ohio, July 26, 1846. When about ten years old he moved to Eaton and, entering the village schools, received instruction in the common branches, a High School not yet having been established. The great war had been in progress for three years and now at the call of Lincoln, young men not out of their teens were volunteering to enter the service of their country. In the spring of '64, when but eighteen, this boy enlisted as a private in Company D, 156 O. V. I. Better lessons were learned here than any High School could teach: loyalty, whether it be to ideals in government, to college, to friends, or to justice and duty, was learned never to be forgotten, and never to be left unpractised in later life.

After his discharge from the service he attended and graduated from The Miami Commercial College at Dayton. Returning to his home he entered the office of Hon. Geo. W. Thompson, then Probate Judge of Preble County, as Entry and Record Clerk. Judge Thompson being an enthusiastic advocate of a college education and a warm friend of Miami University persuaded Mr. Fisher to enter the University for a full classical course. This he did in the fall of 1865, entering the sub-freshmen class, then presided over by that prince of college boys' friends, as M. . Fisher often called him, Professor Swing. The following fall he was made a full freshmen and was graduated in 1870 with second honors. It is interesting to note that the first honors were received by Mr. John B. Elam, of Indianapolis, the life long friend of Mr. Fisher, who was later a classmate at Ann Arbor.

At the time Mr. Fisher entered Miami the student body was largely made up of young men just out of the army and a more earnest and determined body of students is not found than was at Miami at the mid-



HON. ELAM FISHER.

dle and close of the sixties. College life was full of energy and push and college politics was always full of excitement.

Two literary societies, The Miami Union, The Erodelphian, and the Greek letter fraternities, were the centres of activity. They were filled with strong men; there was scarcely a student in the University who had not joined either the Miami Union or the Erodelphian. Many were the spirited and creditable contests held in those old halls between the two societies for the leadership in debate. Mr. Fisher early in his college life became an active factor in whatever was going on or proposed in the various forms of college life. He was an active member of the Erodelphian Literary Society and was selected by his society to deliver the Honor speech at its winter exhibition; he was also chosen by his class in the Freshmen year to represent it on the 22nd day of February. He was one of the editors of THE MIAMI STUDENT which he helped start in 1868. He helped to re-establish the Phi Delta Theta fraternity which became within a year one of the strongest and most influential secret fraternities at the University.

In the fall of 1870 after graduating from Miami he with Mr. John B. Elam and Mr. Harry Lee entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. From this institution he and Mr. Elam were graduated in 1872, both receiving the degree of B. L. Mr. Lee, owing to ill health, did not return the second year. After graduating from Ann Arbor Mr. Elam and Mr. Fisher went directly to Indianapolis to enter upon the practice of the law, each for himself. Mr. Fisher entered the law office of Barbour and Jacobs, but his health having failed much during his last year in college he was compelled in a short time to give up the practice and return to his home in Eaton and for several years was able to do but little at his profession. With care he was in a measure able to regain his health and soon became one of the leading members of the bar. In 1891 he was elected by his party to represent his County in the House of the Seventieth General Assembly and voted for Senator Sherman for United States Senator in the celebrated Sherman-Foraker contest. In 1893 he was appointed by Gov. McKinley one of the members of a commission to examine into and report on the advisability of adopting into our laws the System of Land Transfers and Title known as the Torren's System. In 1894 he was nominated and elected one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the Second Subdivision of the Second Judicial District and has been continuously on the bench since that time, his second term of office expiring November 19, 1904.

In all these years of public service Mr. Fisher has been faithful to the best ideals. He has met with the warmest approval of his constitu-

ency, and numbers as his friends the many who have been associated with him in various ways. His clear insight into all business dealings has made him successful in this field as well as in his profession.

Amid all these activities however he has not forgotten the college which graduated him. In 1887 he was appointed by Gov. Foraker a member of the Board of Trustees and again reappointed by Gov. Bushnell in 1896. He has served on many of the most important committees of the Board, and has been given in this way an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by his associates.

J. B. F.—'03.

The Ohio State Normal Colleges of Miami University.

It seems quite fitting that to an institution that has made such distinguished contribution to the eminent men of its state and nation, should come the added noble calling of training teachers under the professional direction of the state. Ohio has come late into the field of the professional training of teachers under control and with the support of the state. City training schools and normal schools have for some years been preparing the teachers for Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo, Dayton and other cities of Ohio under the direct patronage and support of the educational authorities of those cities.

The first state normal school in America was established in 1839 and since that date the practice of the state's training her teachers has obtained in practically every state in the union. It has been alleged by the critics of the normal schools that their greatest defect is superficiality and disregard for scholarship. Dr. Seeley of the Trenton, N. J., State Normal School recently said, "Perhaps the most vital and most often heard criticism of the normal school is that its product shows too little scholarship."

To obviate this criticism in Ohio, the state has connected her normal schools, or normal colleges with universities within her borders and under her control. It is the intended policy of Ohio that while the training of teachers shall be compatible with their needs, and that the normal department, or normal college, shall have full freedom of spirit and method, perpetuating what has constituted the most salient virtues of the normal school idea; viz., fervent enthusiasm and professional ardor, the close relation of the normal college and liberal arts' college and other colleges of the University will secure a deep respect for scholarship and university methods of investigation.

While all the work done in the normal college courses leading to a diploma or degrees is of collegiate rank, yet the largest field common to the Normal college and Liberal Arts college is found in the four-year course for teachers of secondary schools, principals and superintendents.

In this course, out of the 180 hours required for graduation, 141 hours lie both within the Senior Normal college course and the Liberal Arts course. The uniqueness of Miami lies in this course and in it there seem great possibilities. In it both colleges are interested and no like course is offered by any other institutions in Ohio. Here seems opportunity for rapid growth.

Since opening the normal college of Miami University, September, 1902, there have been enrolled 665 different students. These have been teachers, graduates of colleges and high schools and special students, earnest in their pursuit of the best preparation for the profession of teaching. The large attendance of teachers at the summer school of 1903 was an evidence of the need of such an opportunity for professional training within our own state. Many of these entered upon a regular course of study leading to a diploma, preparing to complete the work in summer terms. The following counties were represented in the summer schools: Adams, Allen, Auglaize, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Coshocton, Darke, Defiance, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Green, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Highland, Huron, Knox, Lake, Licking, Logan, Lorrain, Lucas, Madison, Marion, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Morrow, Ottawa, Paulding, Pickaway, Putnam, Richmond, Ross, Shelby, Summit, Van Wert, Warren, William, Wood.

Of the 90 students that are in attendance now: three per cent are college graduates, sixty-four per cent are graduates of three and four-year high schools, thirty-three per cent are graduates of two-year high schools, and advanced students of seven ungraded schools. Twenty-five per cent of the high school graduates are graduates of four-year or first grade schools.

The work done in the normal courses is all of collegiate rank except that done in the course designated, Special Normal. This course provides for a large number of students and teachers who come from ungraded schools and desire more intensive and pedagogical study of the branches which constitute the legal requirements of county board of examiners. These are excellent young men and women and through their preparation the school is making splendid contributions to the state.

There are many problems that need solution, but the deep interest shown by the alumni in the new colleges of the university, the earnest encouragement and support of the board of trustees, and the cordial attitude of the Liberal Arts' faculty warrant the most sanguine hope that the Normal college will assist Miami University to increase her service to the state and to contribute still more largely to the great achievements of our people.

H. C. MINNICH,

Dean of Ohio State Normal College of Miami University.



-TENO KIYOMORI-

SECOND PRIZE—STORY CONTEST.

Teno Kiyomori did not understand her; often he had told himself that. And yet he never tired of guessing, of trying to analyze that half-serious, half-humorous manner in which she always talked to him. Sometimes he thought she must have some secret trouble weighing upon her which she endeavored to drive from memory by appeals to the humorous, and then again his explanation took the opposite ground and he concluded that she was one of those joyous spirits who yet realized that life was not all fun and tried to temper her natural vivacity by a bit of seriousness. She was always interesting; and her exquisite beauty charmed him quite as much as her changing moods perplexed him. So with all his doubts about how to take her, he never questioned his admiration for her; that, he felt, was one of the certainties of which he need give no account, not even to himself. She was indeed different from most girls. Perhaps that was what first attracted his interest. Teno always spoke of her as "*she*" or "*her*," with a peculiar accent on the words. Perhaps he thought her real name too sacred for his brown Japanese lips to utter.

They were two of a party of twelve. It was commencement week, after a long term of hard college work and the party had gone into the country in utter abandonment to ease and a jolly time. Teno, especially, was delighted with the country, for after having been somewhat of a

recluse for the past year, he had dedicated this week to pleasure-seeking in delightful company. They were on the return trip, and, having been invited to dine at the home of a friend of the coterie who chanced to live along the route, were resting beneath the wide-spreading maples that blessed the broad entrance to this picturesque old homestead with the pleasant coolness of their shade.

Just how it happened no one knows. It seems Teno's interest was excited by some fuzzy looking bushes on the other side of the road. Perhaps they resembled some he had seen growing among the bamboos of his own beloved Japan. There was not any association except the "fuzzy" which someone had applied to the plants, but it reminded him of Kipling's poem about Fuzzy-Wuzzy. He had always admired that poem and he felt inclined to repeat a stanza, but restrained himself and strolled across to examine the fuzzy plant, and she went with him. He was so near her while they examined it. She told him its name but he does not remember it now. Why should he? He was no longer interested in the weed although his interest had been genuine enough at first, but now she had spoken; it did not matter what she had said; it might have been one of those long Latin phrases that causes a plant to fold its leaves in despair when it hears its own name, but to him it was the sound of silver bells in the Land of the Rising Sun. "Could I know," he thought, "that there is a fairer flower hidden in this wilderness about us, I would devote my life to searching for it." He dragged her deeper into the shrubbery and on into the tall forest. She did not ask him where they were going but followed silently as he wound in and out among the trees. It was so delightful to leave the stir of life behind and lose one self in the dimness and silence of the great woods. Teno stopped now and then to help her over the brush, or hold aside the low branches of some beech that hung across their path. A startled chipmunk scurried before them to his hole under the mould of the fallen tree-top. On and on they went, and presently they came down into more open land where a murmuring stream wended its way to the great river below. To the right and left stretched the vale, bordered on each side by the tall trees. The warm sun shone down, waking into life the buds of the tardy witchhazel that grew along the slopes of the valley; the air was sweet with fragrance of June flowers,—the wildrose and wild lily in all their glory. Up the stream a whitepoke tottered on his long legs as he dived his head beneath the water in pursuit of his prey, and just above them on an old dead hickory a woodpecker beat his tat-a-tat, tat-a-tat-tat, while far away down in the woods, his wife-to-be answered in the same peculiar language of bird courtship.

"What a delightful Eden nature has hidden away here in these woods," she said, "how glad I am that I came."

Teno looked at her without answering. Her straw hat had fallen back on her shoulders and the waves of brown hair crept over her cheeks flushed from the swift pace at which he had led her through the wood. Her eyes sparkled with delight as she looked over the beautiful landscape upon which they had so unexpectedly come. Teno thought he had never seen her so beautiful as now.

"Teno," she said, "do you know, I think heaven must be something like this."

"Do Christians believe their heaven is on earth and of things earthly?" he asked.

"O, no, Teno, but one must have some picture in their mind to think about. One can not think of something out of nothing," she replied.

"My people believe that to attain what your teachers have chosen to call 'nothingness' is the true duty of life," he said.

"I do not understand your Nirvana," she said, "but tell me one thing: How can one attain to this state to which your people aspire? What must be done to gain Nirvana?"

"Believe in the Four Verities and walk humbly in the eightfold path. Thus will the ten fetters which bind us to life with all its sorrows be broken during the four stages of the journey."

"I do not understand," she said simply.

"He is a poor teacher who is only half hearted," he replied. "I am not a Buddhist, although the most of my people are firm in the faith. I share the opinion of the leaders of our land who have agreed that the 'great riddle' is unsolved, and, to the best of our judgment, unsolvable. I had rather defy the precepts of Buddha and drink to the full of the sensuousness of this summer day in this fairy land. Truly one might believe this the Paradise of the West, the Sukhaiati of which the good sensei tells his people. If Amida should present himself, I could feign surprise."

She did not answer him. The last of his speech seemed addressed to himself as though he had forgotten her entirely. Long he stood staring into space, his mind far away with the teachers of his childhood under the Ichu trees in front of the temple.

She had seated herself on the green grass on the bank of the stream, and turned to watch the schools of minnows as they rushed up and down the shallow water. The shitepoke had feasted and flown away; the downy woodpecker was sounding his signals on a tree further down nearer the love he was wooing. The sun had almost reached the zenith, and in the distance she heard the sound of a bell calling to the noonday meal. All else was silent with the silence of the mid-woodland. The south wind which, earlier in the day, had tempered

the heat of the highway along their journey, had now sunk to a mere zephyr and scarcely stirred the leaves of the elder beside her. Deftly she plucked a bunch of the white blossoms, cast them into the stream, and watched them drift slowly down the current and away out of sight. Presently a gray squirrel came down from a tree on the other side, paused a moment at the foot to make sure all was well, and then frisked noiselessly over the fallen timber to a spreading mulberry tree red with the long spikes of ripe fruit.

For a long time neither spoke. Then Teno roused himself from his reverie, turned towards the way they had come as if ready to return.

"It is so delightful here one wishes they might stay forever," she said.

"I should not weary of it so long as you were here to supply the only charm nature has forgotten," he replied.

She blushed under the intense gaze of those black eyes, and turned again to the stream.

"Do you know," he went on, "that I have often wondered what you think of the Japanese."

"Why, I have always thought very well of them, of course; especially of some of them," she said.

"Some of them?" he repeated his face lighting up.

"Yes, one must say the same of most peoples, I think."

Teno's eyes fell; he had half believed that her "some of them" meant "one of them." Then her next words turned it quite around; she was only speaking of his people as she would of any other. How could he ever understand her!

"You do not mean that one people is as good as another?" he asked.

"Primarily so," she said, "of course, there is the difference of civilization. The Japanese are more civilized than the Hottentot. And you, Teno, I think are a wee bit superior to the average of your race," she added jocularly.

"Now you laugh at me," he said, "but I would rather hear you say that than the fulsome flattery I sometimes hear. I realize that my people and yours are so unlike that we have little in common."

"We have had four years' training in common," she said, "that ought to make us somewhat akin in thought, at least. That 'Handy Literal' ought to be a permanent link of friendship."

He laughed at the allusion to the little book that had passed back and forth between them so often, but did not answer her at once. He did not feel sure how he was to understand all she had said. Did she mean that they might be more than akin in thought? Should he tell her his secret and have done with it? Should he sacrifice the friendship he prized in an attempt to realize what he feared were vain and foolish hopes? Yet he felt that he could no longer be silent.

"May I tell you something?" he broke out abruptly.

"I don't know why you should not, if you wish," she added indifferently, and she arose and stood leaning against the old hickory.

As she stood before him, fairer than sylvan nymph of story, he looked at her soft, white skin and then remembered his own brown features. His heart sank within him; he turned away trembling with fear at what he had been about to do.

"No! no! no! It can never be," he said to himself; "I was mad to think of such a thing. Her blood is not my blood, her people is not my people, her religion is not my religion."

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The way back was traversed more slowly than when they came. Neither spoke, and each seemed lost in his own thoughts. Teno was wondering if she had guessed what he had been about to say. And if so, why had she not attempted to stay him? Could it be possible, after all, that she—but no, why think of it! She was only different from most girls. And then he wondered if he really understood any American girl, much as he admired them. He was inclined to lay it all to his early Oriental training, and he condemned himself for having permitted the passion which had been growing with the days and strengthening with the weeks of class association. Poor little Jap! as if he could have helped it!

They had varied from the way by which they had come and now emerged from the woods to find their way barred by a tall hedge. Long vines of the wild rose clambered over it and Teno stopped and plucked one of the half-open buds. Then he wondered what he would do with it. Should he offer it to her to wear? Would she accept it from him? She bent forward her head, and he entwined the stem in her hair. It was the last of many little acts of attention he had bestowed upon her for almost four years. Both seemed to feel that it was so, and no word was spoken as they moved on to the lane leading back to the house where their classmates awaited their coming.

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It had been a day long to be remembered; and that evening as Teno sat by his open window looking out over the campus, he went again over the whole journey, recalling every incident, and treasuring up her every word and look for the days so soon to come when he would be far away from the scenes and friends of the four years that had passed, almost like a dream, since he first sat by that same window and tried to imagine all that college life had in store for him. Then his mind wandered away to other scenes, and he dreamed that he was back on his own sun-kissed isle, playing again with his brothers along the brook, gathering the sweet azalea and many-hued iris, and making huge bouquets in the little baskets they had woven from the tender bamboo. Blessed Land of the Orient!

C. E. PATTISON.



THE LEAP-YEAR "WALL-FLOWER"
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"Freshman Sayings" (Original).

("A great thought belongs to him who expresses it best.")

The senior in college life thinks himself a sage; ten years later he is willing to be most anybody's page.

"Cinches" are few, but the hustler gets them.

O, Co-Education! Thou mother of osculation.

Mr. Rockefeller's oil can not quiet the troubled sea of his own indigestion.

College Algebra is the Hydra, which, when overpowered by a Freshman, rises again to obstruct the way of all coming after.

Late to bed and late to rise makes a man tall headed, bald headed, broad headed and wise.

Ignorance is infancy deprived of its charm.

A man who tells you all his troubles
becomes one of yours.

To cure verbosity acquire a wide vocabulary.

Always be first in crossing a deep river
if you drown, your followers will have
something to walk upon.

Go to war at the beginning for fear
that you will not be shot in time to get
your name in history.

"Ignorance is bliss," if you want to
keep still, but it is not a working proposition.

Don't be like cattle and have to be
dehorned.

All hail the power of Freshman Math,
Let Freshmen prostrate fall;
Bring forth the awful algebra
And solve its problems all.

Freshmen, whose minds can ne'er recall
Those theorems, rules and all,
Take those eight pages Prof. assigned
And solve the problems all.

In order that we Sophs may be,
(Or so ourselves may call,) We pay Professor our respects,
And solve his problems all.

Of all the books that you can find,
From "Shakespeare's Books" to
"Mother Goose,"

The dictionary has by far
The most important use.

Not long ago I found a word
I couldn't quite define;
"Parsimonious" it was—
Its meaning must be mine.

So I took down my Webster Book
Its meaning there to see;
"Penurious" was what I found,
But that was new to me.

So then I found "Penurious"—
"Parsimonious," it said;—
Oh; what a helpful book it is!
It should oftener be read.

It is not every short saying that constitutes an Epigram.

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Editors' Convention

A movement is on foot, promoted by the Board of Edi-
tors of "*The Wabash*" of Crawfordsville, Indiana, to
hold a college editors' convention at the St. Louis Expo-
sition, June 22 to be known as "College Editors' Day."

To our knowledge, this would be the first gathering of
the kind ever held. College journalism is not yet one hundred years old,
having been established at Dartmouth by Daniel Webster; and when we
consider that it is practically unknown outside of America, we may read-
ily see how such a meeting might be of international importance and
value.

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The Wrong Spirit

When the Miami girls play basket ball with Oxford Col-
lege it does not amount to much that a few Miami fellows
stand outside the gym and cheer for the Oxford College
team; but does it enhance the credit of these fellows or
raise them in their own estimation; does the team they
cheer for appreciate it; does it procure or secure for them a "stand-in"
at Oxford College with the faculty or with the students; does it satisfy
their ideas of college loyalty; is it justice or courtesy to our girls, or do
the majority of our boys approve it? *No, we think not.*

University of To those many institutions of learning that exist today
Nebraska's by the benefactions of some man of wealth, the little
Question agitation in the University of Nebraska is of some interest. It arises over the efforts of Chancellor Andrews to secure a donation from Mr. Rockefeller. Objections to

the acceptance of any such donation are brought by persons in direct connection with the University, and by prominent citizens of the State, on the grounds that money accumulated in a manner such as that of Mr. Rockefeller should not be used for educational purposes. Whether the Rockefeller millions have been amassed by methods more emphatically wrong than those of most other philanthropic minded men is a question.

Miss Tarbell, author of the "History of the Standard Oil Company" has this to say: "It is the chief duty of our institutions of learning to train young people to think things through to their legitimate conclusions, and to inspire them with moral courage to fit their conduct to these conclusions. For this, money is one of the minor necessities. It is useful only in the hands of men who prefer to do without it rather than dull the consciences of faculty, students and friends by compromising with any kind of moral or intellectual subterfuge. If the acceptance of this gift from Mr. Rockefeller brings with it tacit recognition of the commercial principles which he has employed with more conspicuous success than any other man in the country; if it closes the mouth of any man in Nebraska to the corrupting influence of those principles; then no greater calamity can befall the University of Nebraska than to accept this money. Human experience seems to show that the receiver of a gift becomes, sooner or later, the apologist of the donor and his methods. Where there is a possibility of such a result, jealous regard for the moral atmosphere of the institution makes the refusal of the gift an imperative duty."

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The On the Day of Prayer for colleges, the senior class
Inter-Collegiate appeared for the first time in their caps and gowns.
Cap and This is the first class to adopt the custom which is at
Gown System once impressive and dignified. It is a good custom to inaugurate, and one, it is hoped, that will be continued. There have been numerous inquiries as to the significance of the various colors and slight variations seen in the gowns worn by our faculty, and other dignitaries when they visit us. Hence we volunteer a little information.

It is a custom that prevails throughout the collegiate world, and the system throughout the United States is uniform. The leading institutions in the country, have adopted the Inter-collegiate Code, as suggested by the Inter-collegiate Commission which met at Columbia, in May,

1895. The degree and its source are indicated by the system, as follows: Undergraduate's gown is of black goods open or closed front, without hood; Bachelor's gown is same as above, except it has hood; Master's gown is preferably of silk, and has long closed sleeves, slit in upper part for the arm, open front and hood; Doctor's gown is also of silk, has round bell sleeves, faced down the fronts, and barred on the sleeves with black velvet or velvet wholly or in part of the degree color, and hood.

Hoods should be of the same materials as the gowns, and are lined with silk showing the official colors of the institution conferring the degree, or with which the wearer is connected, and are trimmed with velvet of the color distinctive of the degree, as follows: Arts and Letters, white; Theology, scarlet; Laws, purple; Philosophy, blue; Science, gold-yellow; Fine Arts, brown; Medicine, green; Music, pink; pharmacy, olive; Dentistry, lilac; Veterinary Science, gray; Forestry, russet; Library Science, lemon.

The Oxford cap, of serge or broadcloth, is worn for all degrees, but the Doctorate is entitled to a gold tassel in whole or part; and also, the Doctors cap may be of velvet.

University Notes.

Floyd C. Williams, who has been President of the Freshman Class, has been promoted to the Sophomore Class. The Freshmen filled the vacancy thus made by electing Lawrence W. Swan president of the Class of 1907.

The Miami University Glee Club has been made a permanent organization with the following officers: President, Robert E. Pye; vice-president, Elbert F. Schweickart; secretary, Cecil James; treasurer, Clyde E. Shinkle.

The Glee Club made its debut at the University Service on January seventeenth.

The following books were added to the University library during the past two weeks: "Primer of the History of Mathematics," by W. W. R. Ball; "In Memoriam," by Charles Sexter; "American History and its Geographic Conditions," by E. C. Semple; "Central Europe," by Joseph Patch; "Britain and the British Seas," by H. J. Mackinder; "Taxation in American Cities," by Richard T. Ely; "Vaillante," by Jacques Vincent; "Who's Who in 1904;" "Composition," by Arthur W. Dow; "Catalogue of Beta Theta Pi;" and twenty-five volumes of U. S. Government Documents,—in all about thirty-five volumes.

Professor F. C. Waite, of the Western Reserve Medical School, was in the Biological Laboratory on February fourth as a guest of Dr. S. R. Williams.

University Service.

The Tenth University Service was held in the Miami Chapel on Sunday, January seventeenth, at two-thirty P. M. President Benton preached an able sermon on "A Lesson in Human Profit and Loss," from Mark VIII: 36, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Special music was furnished by the University Orchestra and the Glee Club, under the direction of Dr. S. S. Myers. The chapel was filled, as it always is at these services.

It was announced that on Sunday, February twenty-first, at the University Service the sermon would be preached by Rev. Leroy M. Coffman, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Sidney, Ohio.

The Day of Prayer for Colleges.

The last Thursday of January is set apart as the Day of Prayer for Colleges, not only in all parts of the United States but also in foreign lands. It was fittingly observed at Oxford again this year by a Union Service held in the Miami Chapel. The students and faculties of the Western College, the Oxford College and Miami University united in this service. Rev. Henry Melville Curtis, D. D., pastor of the Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, of Cincinnati, preached on the theme, "The Exaltation of Christ," from the text, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," John XII:32. Dr. Curtis is a man who has reserve power and a pleasing delivery. The sermon was an excellent effort and was liked by all. Special music by the Miami University Orchestra and a vocal solo by Miss Thayer, of Oxford College.

The Mathematical Club.

On Friday evening, January twenty-ninth, the first meeting of the Mathematical Club was held. This is a revival of an organization which existed here in 1899. The object of the club is to get students acquainted with matters of general mathematical interest that can not well be presented in the class room, and to discuss topics of current interest, books and reports of proceedings of societies, and to present special problems and methods. The club has no special organization,—all those attending being considered as members, and it is open to all instructors and students of the University.

The first meeting was well attended by students from the various classes in mathematics. Paul G. Moore read a paper on "What is Number?" Miss Grace L. Harris read some anecdotes of Mathematics translated from the French. And Professor E. P. Thompson gave a comprehensive talk on "The Graph and Its Uses," illustrated by charts. Each

person presenting a subject writes an abstract of it, prepared by himself, in a book for that purpose.

The next meeting will be held at four o'clock Friday evening, February twenty-sixth. At this meeting Prof. Finch will present the subject, "Special Methods in the Study of the Equation." And it is also expected that we will have a paper by Dr. Robert W. McFarland, who was president of Miami University from 1885 to 1888, and who taught Mathematics and Astronomy in Miami University from 1856 to 1873.

Der Deutsche Club.

Am vierzehnten Januar kam der deutsche Club bei Fräulein Kueffner von Oxford College zusammen. Leider konnten viele der Mitglieder nicht kommen, einige wegen einer Hochzeit in der Nähe der Stadt und andere—Herr Doktor Hayes und seine Frau—wegen der Krankheit seiner Mutter. Auch thut es uns sehr leid dasz Fräulein Pritchard nicht mehr in Oxford sein wird.

Obschon so viele nicht da waren, unterhielten wir uns doch ganz gut. Fräulein Kueffner zeigte uns viele schöne Bilder, worüber sich recht unterhaltend plaudern liesz. Wir hatten auch ein Spiel, im welchem wir Fragen mit Worten beantworten sollten, die mit unseren Anfangsbuchstaben anfangen. Als man Herbert M. Hughes fragte was er am liebsten esse, antwortete er, "Hasen, mehr Hasen," [H. M. H.]. Er bekam ein schönes Bild als Lohn für seine klugen Antworten. Es war ein Bild von Charlotte Kaestners Grabstein.

Endlich tranken wir Kaffee und aszen Kuchen. Dann verabschiedeten wir uns und gingen nach Hause. Das nächste Mal kommen wir bei Fräulein Brooks zusammen und über vierzehn Tage wieder bei Frau Feeney.

—CLYDE E. SHINKLE, '06.

Le Cercle Français.

Le Cercle Français qui nous donne tant de plaisir se réunit la première fois de ce terme le 7 janvier chez M. Brandon. Chacun raconta une expérience de ses vacances, ou si on n'avait pas eu d'expérience, on raconta quelque petite historiette comique. C'était très intéressant. Le soir de la réunion suivante il faisait si mauvais qu'il n'y avait que sept personnes à la réunion. Mais on s'y amusa bien, tout de même. Le comité choisit les deux comédies "La Veste Brodée," et "La Lettre Chargée," et la représentation aura lieu avant les vacances de printemps. On les discuta et les lut ce soir—là pour avoir une idée de leur caractère. "La Veste Brodée" est une vieille comédie du dixhuitième siècle.

L'autre pièce est une farce charmante par Labiche, un écrivain moderne. On va inviter à la représentation des amis particuliers et la classe de la première année.

Naturellement le but principal de notre cercle est de gagner de la facilité dans la conversation. Pour aider cet objet on essaiera à la séance prochaine, le 4 février, des "conversations progressives." On attend toujours avec impatience le soir de la réunion du cercle.

OMEN K. BORING, '06.

Oratorical Contest.

On Saturday evening, January sixteenth, occurred the First Annual Oratorical Contest for the Kumler prize, between the Erodelphian and the Miami Union Literary Societies. It was held in the University Chapel before a large audience.

Following is the program:

SYMPOSIUM ON THE CITY AND ITS PROBLEMS.

March:—Peaceful Henry *Kelley*
UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA

1. The City in History.
GEORGE CLYDE FISHER, Erodelphian.
2. The Growth and Cosmopolitan Character of American Cities.
HOWARD STANLEY SMITH, Miami Union.
3. The City's Battle with Vice and Crime.
HARRY MAYNARD NEWMAN, Miami Union.
4. Urban Health and Beauty.
MARION M. GLASGOW, Miami Union.

Waltz—Heart's Idols *Bennett*

5. Municipal Ownership.
CLARENCE E. PATTISON, Erodelphian.
6. Municipal Politics.
SAMUEL JACOB BRANDENBURG, Erodelphian.
7. What British Cities Have to Teach Us about Municipal Government.
FRANK ANDERSON RALSTON, Erodelphian.
8. Lessons in Municipal Government Drawn from the Cities of Continental Europe.
F. RAY MOOMAW, Miami Union.

March:—Higham *Huff*

In this contest the topics were assigned to the speakers by lot at 8:00 A. M. on the day of the contest. Until that time no contestant knew upon which of the eight topics he should speak.

The Miami Union Literary Society easily won the Kumler prize of twenty-five dollars, and Howard S. Smith, of the Miami Union Society, won first place, that is, he was chosen to represent Miami University in the Oratorical Tournament between State Universities, the finals of which are to be held in the Hall of Congress at the Universal Exposition at St. Louis. Harry M. Newman was chosen alternate.

The following men acted as judges:

The committee to award the Kumler prize consisted of Dean Harvey C. Minnich, Dr. Stephen Riggs Williams, Dr. Arthur Wilson James, Attorney Evert E. Williams, Rev. Cyrus M. Van Pelt.

The committee to select a contestant in the national oratorical tournament was Dr. Edward Cary Hayes, Prof. Edgar Ewing Brandon, Dr. William Alexander Eckels, Prof. Charles Howard McIlwaine, Dr. Joseph Albertus Culler.

The Cincinnati-Miami Debate.

The question has been chosen for the Inter-collegiate Debate between the University of Cincinnati and Miami University. It is, "Resolved, that the United States government should own and operate the interstate railroads." And the University of Cincinnati has chosen the negative side, and that means that we have the affirmative. This is a good, live, debatable question, and one that has two sides. We hope that more men will go into the Preliminary this year than last. This Preliminary might be considered a contest between the Literary Societies to see which could put the most men on the team.

Dr. Guthrie's Lecture.

The fourth number of the Union Lyceum Course was given in the Miami Chapel on Monday evening, January eighteenth. It was a lecture by Mr. William Norman Guthrie on "The Right to Laughter.—Comedy." Mr. Guthrie came to us highly recommended, and his analysis of the comedy was good. But we believe that most of his hearers were disappointed both with the lecture itself and with the delivery.

The Moore Geological Collection.

The Biological and Geological Department of Miami University received an interesting collection of geological specimens during the summer of 1903. The specimens were collected by Charles Moore and were donated by his wife, through the kindness of Philip N. Moore of the Class of 1870. The specimens were collected by Charles Moore while he was attending school at Miami in the early 50's, and during the years following. Most of the fossils are either from the Cincinnati group of the Ordovician or Lower Silurian epoch, or from the Coal Measures near Beaver, Pennsylvania. There are also quite a number from Indiana and Iowa. The specimens have been collected with greater care and intelligence than is usually shown by an amateur collector.

Following is a list of the specimens: Rocks from among the Bould-

ers:—Granite, Gneiss, Muscovite Mica, Hornblende, Conglomerate, Syenite, Iron Pyrites, Oorthoclase Feldspar, Oligoclase Feldspar.

Shells:—Abalone or Ear-shell (*Haliotis*), River Mussels, Cone Shells, Land Snails (*Helix*), Crepidula or Decker Shells, Oyster Drills, Heart Cockles, Cowries (*Cypraea*), several species of Sea-clams, Sea Snails, Jingle Shells (*Anomia*), Queen Conchs (*Strombus gigas*), and many others not yet identified.

Indian Relics:—American Celt, Neolithic Axes, Arrow-heads, and a fine steel Sagamore Tomahawk.

Fine lot of Geodes from Indiana, Bedford Oölite, Calcite Crystals, Quartz Crystals, Galena, Hematite Iron Ore, Satin Spar Gypsum, and some Glaciated Rock taken from bed-rock near Hamilton, Ohio, with the direction of the striae recorded, South 12 degrees East.

Carefully prepared skulls of Monkey, Mole, Muskrat and Chicken.

Fossils from the Coal Measures of Pennsylvania;—Several species of Ferns, Conifers, Lepidendrons, Sigallarids, Snails, Crinoids, etc.

Lower Silurian Fossils: Trilobites,—*Calymene*, *Asaphus*, and *Cheirurus*; Bryozoa—several species; Crinoids; Corals—Cyathophylloid and Favosite; Cephalopods, *Orthoceras*, several species, *Endoceras*; Lamellibranchs—*Ambonychia alalata*, and other species; Gasteropods—several species; Brachiopods—*Rhydcnthonella capax* or *Rhycotrema capax*, *Orthis lynx*, *Orthis laticosta* or *Platystrophia laticostata*, *Dinorthis subquadrata*, *Strophomena rhomboidalis* or *Leptaena rhomboidalis*, *Strophomena alternata* or *Rafinesquina alternata*, *Dalmanella jugosa*, and many others not yet identified.

A cut and description of the Sagamore Tomahawk will appear in a Bulletin to be issued by the University soon.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

January has been the Association month of this school year. Never before has it had so many good speakers and genuine, enthusiastic interest on the part of the fellows. The Association is to be congratulated upon the visit of two strong speakers such as Mr. S. D. Gordon, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. A. B. Williams, Jr., of New York City. These men are of the type that schools larger than our own, are constantly calling for, but as the field is so large, they can only visit the largest institutions, bnt through the efforts of the President and Prof. Wildman, Miami was doubly honored.

Mr. Gordon was here from January 19 to 22, speaking at the Chapel hour and again at 4 o'clock. His addresses were of the simple, clear cut kind, giving the students plenty to think about.

Mr. Williams of the class of '98, Yale, was here from January 30 to

February 2, holding the opening meeting Saturday, at 8 P. M., in the Association room. This meeting was well advertised, both by cards, mail and the endorsement of Dr. Benton and nearly every man in the Institution attended that meeting. Mr. Williams knowing the needs of a college student, spoke on subjects that awakened impulses for the higher life. He spoke in a forceful and convincing manner, and he won the hearts of his hearers as was manifested by the large meetings that followed on Sunday and Monday. Mr. Williams held a number of personal talks with the fellows and great good came from these conversations. We regret he could not have remained longer and hope he can arrange for a return next year.

The first meeting of the year was held on January 10. The Association Room was filled and the meeting was addressed by Dr. Roger Bruce Johnson on "The Necessity of the New Birth." The address was a clear, thoughtful analysis of the subject, just what is demanded by the thinking, reasoning mind. Dr. Johnson handled the subject in a masterful manner which showed that he had thought out the problem.

The second meeting was held on January 24, and was addressed by Prof. B. J. Wildman. He based his address upon the text "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." He treated the subject in an admirable way, drawing his analogies and illustrations from Nature and natural laws.

Mission study has commenced under student leadership. The class numbers nine and has the text-book "Protestant Missions" as an outline. The first meeting was addressed by Prof. McIlwaine on "The Reformation" and at the second meeting "Holland Missions" was the subject. The topics will be discussed each week by one or more leaders and the outlook is very encouraging for profitable study.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

On January 13, the girls of the University met Miss Bridges, one of the National Secretaries of the Y. W. C. A., at the home of Mrs. Benton. Miss Bridges gave a very interesting talk on the Summer Conference at Geneva. In the course of her stay several meetings were held, and it was with real regret that we parted with this most attractive and earnest woman.

The first meeting of the New Year was led by Miss Blanche Greene. The subject was "Bearing Witness." All the meetings of this term are to be led by the new members of the Society.

The second missionary meeting was held January seventeenth. Miss Mae Miller led. She spoke on the subject of "Missions." Her illustrations and well-chosen statistics helped to make her talk very impressive.

A number of the girls have pledged themselves to give systematically. The money thus raised goes to our missionary, Miss Hill, who is now in India.

On January twenty-seventh, fourteen girls met at the home of Miss Lusby, to organize a Mission Study Class. A class was organized, and "Knights of the Labarum" was chosen as the text for this term.

The last meeting of January was addressed by Mr. A. B. Williams, Jr., of New York City. He is a prominent student leader of the East, and we enjoyed an exceptional privilege in hearing him.

Athletics

Basket Ball.

MIAMI VS. CINCINNATI.

The University of Cincinnati Basket Ball Team defeated the Miami team in a one sided game on January 22. Cincinnati outplayed her opponents at every stage of the game and could probably have run up even a larger score than 44 to 10, which was the final result. As this was the first game played by the local team for several years, the showing they made was all that could be expected. They showed a lack of confidence and ability to throw baskets which in a great measure accounted for the score.

The line up for Miami was:

Schweickart, Brown, Feeney, Kaye and Newman.

MIAMI VS. HANOVER.

After having defeated Cincinnati University by a score 32 to 22, the strong Hanover College basket ball team administered the second defeat of the season to the Miami University Team. They played a remarkable game from start to finish, probably the best ever seen in the Miami Gymnasium. Miami played a very creditable game, vastly better than the Cincinnati game of a week before, but could do nothing against the team work and basket throwing of the Hanover team, which was nearly perfect. The score at the end of the first half was 18 to 10 in favor of Hanover. In the second half they added 24 more points to Miami's 6, making the total score 42 to 16. The line up for Miami was strengthened materially by Wood who played an excellent game.

Base Ball.

The prospects for a winning team in base ball this spring are brighter than they have been for a number of years. Material is plentiful, and a most excellent schedule has already been provided by Manager Hughes

to which several more games will be added in the near future. The schedule as completed to date is as follows:

- April 25—DePauw University, at Oxford.
- May 4—DePauw University, at Greencastle, Ind.
- May 6—Kentucky State College, at Oxford.
- May 19—University of Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.
- May 20—Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio
- May 21—Marietta College, at Marietta, Ohio.
- May 28—Findlay College, at Oxford.
- May 30—University of Cincinnati, at Oxford.

In addition to this a trip through Kentucky is being arranged, the dates of which will be given later. This will add three or four more games to the already fine schedule, which speaks well for the energy of the manager. Great interest should be taken by the students in this sport and a team put in the field which will be a credit to the University.

Football for 1904.

Manager Blickensderfer has already scheduled several games for the coming season and will soon have a very complete schedule. As yet no definite arrangements have been made for a coach but the committee appointed by the board of control has the matter well in hand and can promise the most efficient coach that Miami has ever had. It is the intention of those interested to see what systematic training will do for our team, and the coach will have full authority in this matter.

At a meeting of the members of the football team, of 1903 held in the Physical Director's office, January 13, Chas. M. Morphy, '07, was elected captain for the coming season. He has the full support of the student body. He played an excellent and consistent game at tackle the past season and will be very active in securing for Miami a winning team in 1904.

The games as already arranged for are as follows:

- Oct. 15—University of Cincinnati, at Cincinnati.
- Nov. 5—Wittenberg College, at Springfield.
- Nov. 12—Indiana Medical College, at Indianapolis.
- Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving)—Earlham College, at Richmond.

Girls' Basket Ball.

At last on January 30th, the girls of Miami realized a basket ball game with another school. The Oxford College girls ever since they began practicing the game under the management of Professor Stone have been very anxious to play the Miami girls. On this Saturday eve-

ning the gymnasium was filled with enthusiastic rooting of about three hundred girls cheering for their favorite team. There were two games played as each school had two teams present, both games being victories for Miami. The result of the first game was 8 to 10 and the second 4 to 8. The scores were close enough to make both games very exciting. The line up of the two Miami teams was as follows:

FORWARDS.

1ST TEAM
Edna Robinson
Ethel Goff
Ruth Snyder

2ND TEAM
Lydia Wilgus
Isabel Geyser
Bernice Pansing

CENTERS.

Blanche Hinkle
Ethelwyn Porter

Laura Beale
Eva Crous

GUARDS.

Nell Stevenson
Bertha Miller
Pansy Snyder

Dessa Shaw
Luella Crugar
Anna Ervin

Normal Notes.

On Friday, February 5, Professor Sharkey, superintendent of the Van Wert schools, delivered the second of a series of lectures which, as before annouced, have been arranged for the benefit of the Normal School by Dean Minnich. We regret very much that because of an accident, Superintendent Vance, of Miamisburg, who was to have lectured to us January 29, was unable to address us, but we count ourselves very fortunate in having had Mr. Sharkey as our guest. Mr. Sharkey was formerly a member of the State Board of School Examiners, and he gave us a very helpful and interesting talk.

We are pleased to mention the fact that during the past month very favorable reports have come to us through Dean Minnich from the superintendent of the Franklin High School, of the work that is being done in that school by Miss Elizabeth Coulter, a former graduate of our school. It is just what we expected of Bess though, so we are not surprised.

Graduation day has been announced for June 13. The exercises are to take place in the afternoon. Full arrangements have been made and the speakers for the day have already been secured.

Professor C. H. McIlwain delivered a splendid address on "The Teaching of History," at the recent meeting of the Butler County Teachers' Association, in Hamilton.

The work for the spring term in the Normal School will begin March 29. The summer school will open June 21. A good enrollment is wanted and expected, so don't forget to speak to your school teacher friends.

The Forty-third Annual Convention of the National Educational Association will be held at St. Louis the early part of July. The superintendents' section of the Association will meet in Atlanta, Georgia, the latter part of this month. We hope to send three representatives from Miami, Dr. Benton, Dean Minnich and Miss Logan. We take pride in the fact that two of these representatives are members of the Normal School faculty.

At a special meeting of the Pierian Literary Society, January 16, the following officers were elected: President, Vida De Mar; vice-president, Anna Irwin; treasurer, Lydia Wilgus; secretary, Mamie Faries.

Alumni.

1843—The death of William Bennet Moore has recently been reported. Mr. Moore has lived for many years at Washington, D. C., and held various offices of trust and responsibility, among them being that of Statistician in the Health Department of the District. He was at one time a trustee of Miami University for five years.

1851—George Crane who has been a lawyer in Dubuque, Iowa, for many years has recently been made Assistant United States Attorney.

1853—Samuel Cunningham Kerr died at his home in Lyndon, Ohio, January 26. Until age and declining health compelled him to withdraw from the work, he was an active minister of the Presbyterian church. He was the author of several works upon Biblical history and kindred topics. The one which provoked widest comment among Biblical students and one upon which he studied to improve up to the time of his death was his work upon the "Jewish Church, and Its Relation to the Jewish Nation and Gentiles."

1854—J. T. Killen is now the pastor of a Congregational Church, at Hancock, Minnesota. He went there recently from Forman, North Dakota.

1856—B. F. Miller since the first of last year has been a pastor in Wrangell, Alaska, having gone there from Sedro, Washington.

1858—This class consisted of forty-three members, the largest class ever graduated from Miami University. Twenty-one of these are dead; the majority of the rest are still in active life.

1859—E. P. Williams who has been a successful merchant for many years, has retired from business and is now at 418 Central Park, West New York City.

1859—James S. McDonald, by the appointment of the Synod of California, is preparing a history of all the churches of California and Nevada since the organization of the first ones in 1849. Dr. McDonald has been the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Oakland, California, since 1899.

1862—Robert Wilson Andrews who has been in the Sandwich Islands for some years is now acting as deacon of the Central Union Church; he was superintendent of Maemae S. S. for eight years and an associate member of the Honolulu Engineering Association. His address is 707 Wyllie Street, Honolulu.

1865—Henry C. Johnson has been rector of Christ Church, Hudson, Ohio, since 1902.

1866—James N. Naylor has been teaching for eighteen years in Lewis Academy, Wichita, Kansas.

1867—David Clark, who has been a minister at Galena, Illinois, is now preaching in the First Presbyterian Church at Martinsville, Iowa.

1867—William T. Ashford, wholesale dry goods merchant has changed his address to 13 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

1870—David Chamberlain Scott died at his home near Sevenmile, Ohio, on January 21, 1904. Mr. Scott had been an invalid for many years. He was the father of Harry McKee Scott, '99, who died two years ago while in his second year of a course at Lane Seminary.

1871—C. M. Golloway, M. D., is the secretary of the Board of United States Pension Surgeons to the president of same, Xenia, Ohio.

1894—Paul Fred Hoffman is rector of Saint Mark's, Hammonton, New Jersey.

1896—George M. Shera has been Assistant Cashier of Oxford National, Bank, Oxford, Ohio, since January 13 1903.

1897—On February 1st, W. J. Hale gave up his position in the Chemistry Department of Chicago University and entered the University of Michigan as instructor of Chemistry.

1900—Edwin Pottinger recently took the civil service examination in Cincinnati receiving the highest grade. He is now filling a governmental position as a whisky gauger in a well known distillery in Ohio.

1901—Ella G. McSurely, a graduate of the Pratt Library School last year, and who is also assistant librarian here, has gone to Lima, Ohio, to supervise the work of cataloging the Public Library in that city.

Social Events.

On Monday evening, January 26, an informal reception was given at Oxford College in honor of the Senior Class. President Robinson spared no efforts to make the evening a very delightful one. Prob-

ably one of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the contest in which all present took part. Two couples were seated at each table. A list of eighteen questions which had been carefully prepared was then read by President Robinson. Those at the table giving the highest number of correct answers were to receive the prize. Ample time having been given the contestants, all eyes were turned toward Professor Wildman as he arose to announce the winners. The prizes were awarded Misses Hogue and Fee and Messrs. Brandenburg and Meek. Refreshments were then served. The remainder of the evening quickly passed and the guests departed at a late hour feeling that another delightful evening had been spent at Oxford College.

One of the most elaborate and delightful social functions of the season was the Leap Year Dance given in Horners' Hall, Tuesday evening, February 2nd, by a number of the young ladies, representing the University and village. Mrs. Eugene M. Fye and Mrs. George O. Sloneker officiated as patronesses, and about twenty-five couples enjoyed the evening. The hall was beautifully decorated. The music was furnished by Rocco Satalio, the celebrated harpist of Dayton, Ohio. Dainty refreshments were served by Caterer Frank Brasier. Evening dress predominated among both ladies and gentlemen, many of the toilettes of the former being particularly striking and handsome. No event of a similar character given in Oxford for several years was so elegantly designed in every detail or will be longer remembered and talked about by those in attendance.

Locals.

Miss Ethel Goff wants it distinctly understood that she will be the president of next year's Senior class. You can't always sometimes tell.

Old Miami, born Anno Domini 1824, died by a formal edict, January 25, 1904.

Hercules couldn't manage Tom Thumb in the basket-ball game.

We are pleased to announce the founding of a new sorority in Miami University with Dr. Rodabaugh at its head. A marble slab commemorating the event and the man will be placed on the south dorm in the near future.

Who invited Morphy to the Leap Year dance?

It was with regret (?) that the absence of Miss Goff from the Leap Year dance was noted.

Griese is suffering with *odmepodia*.

We note that Markey has carried out the resolution made in the last STUDENT. The Juniors looked with wistful eyes on the Senior Caps and Gowns.

Why didn't Earnest Gamble appear in Oxford?

Who founded the Sunday School? Miss Steele—Henry VIII.

The B. U. M. Club met at Miss Fenton's, January 28.

Miss Moon had the same experience!

Where did the Glee Club get their Dress Suits.

Senator—"Hark! I hear a chicken."

Gasoline stoves must go—Chicken Roosts are safe.

Miss S said—Then Edward II came to the *thrown*.

What did Marshall and James do with their Leap Year roses?

Wanted—A new Continental band by Hartle.

Entries for the "Baby Show": Martin Porter, Andrew Robinson, Peanut Fee-ney, Dessa Shaw, Mary Foster, Pythagoras Thompson. This will be an annual event of commencement week.

"Ben" says —The incubator will I fear. Take the place of mamma dear.

Miss Croll guards Goldsmith's chicken roosts.

The Pewee Club banqueted at Cornier's on ground hog eve.

For criticism of lectures see Oxford News.

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Exchange.

Of the Senators in the 58th Congress, which is now in session, 58 are college graduates. Of the congressmen 215 out of 882 are college men.

We are agreeably surprised at the general excellence of recent high school publications. They put to shame the dignified efforts of a great many of our big colleges. Concerning some of the latter the least that can be said is that they reflect no credit upon the institutions in whose name they appear.

What is the matter with the college press?

The STUDENT congratulates the publishers of the *Dragon*, and *Blue and Gold* upon their new papers which are among the very best of their class and will always be welcome guests at the Miami Exchange Table.

The census embraces seventeen million women. How would you like to be the census?

Late accounts have it that the North Western's scheme of out-door gymnastics is not working very well, no doubt it is a little tough on students in light gym suits, with the mercury at 10 below, but reputation is at stake. They should grin and bear it. The worst this year is over.

According to a certain Chicago paper one can go to Ada or Valparaiso for a song, and sing it himself. Incidentally the latter school has no foot ball, baseball, dances or secret societies, indeed "hard work is about the only kind of amusement" encouraged among its 4000 students. It takes money to go to Yale however, if the expenses of one young man of New Haven are any indication of what is required. This young gentleman managed to go four years on \$55,000.00.

Students of history and indeed the whole educational world mourn the loss of one of the most remarkably men of his time, Dr. Edward von Holst, who recently

passed away at Frieberg, Germany. The distinguished German doctor was for many years connected with the University of Chicago.

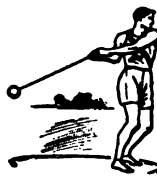
Bread is the staff of life; a staff is a pole; therefore buttered bread is a greased pole. *Case Tech.*

Doctor (showing skull to students)—This patient died with a broken back, a pistol shot through the skull and the right leg broken. What would you do in a case like this?

Student— I would die, too.

Editorial notice (some years hence): Owing to the press of advertising matter the literary features have been omitted for this month. *M. M. A. Eagle.*

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And chewed it after school.

Steele Review.

Speech making is like music; all the
technique in the world can't make it
really first class unless it has the soul in
it. *The Mirror.*

Cornell pensions her professors at the
age of 70 with \$1,500 a year. This year
48 will come on the pension roll.

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"A Linguistic Tragedy."

Sammy Sneezer studied Latin in a little country village,
Like the frugal minded Burritt, in the gaps of till and tillage;
But the gods were wroth, and blindly, poor deluded Sammy Sneezer
Read, with none to guide and guard him, C—A—E—S—A—R. Seezur.

Till and tillage, tilth and barter, brought a modicum of metal,
Bearing Sneezer on to college, linguistic doubts to settle.

"Ah how pleasant," spouted Sammy, mouthing monologues *in via*;

"Knowledge such as I have conquered;—balm, elixir, panacea."

"Mr. Sneezer" quoth Professor Remus Romulus McGimper,

With a play of facial muscle called in common clay a simper,

"To the end that proper treatment make you learned and leave you
wiser,

It is meet you state exactly what you know of Yulyus Kizer."

* * * * *

And if e'er you journey thither searching Seneca or Caesar,
Drop a tear to sprout the willow on the grave of Sammy Sneezer.

R. T. H., MIAMI '00

"The Ten Shares."

[This story, with illustrations, was written as a class exercise, in Freshman English.]

The September sun had just sunk behind the majestic Vermont hills, now glorious in the erubescence and brilliancy of their surmounting trees. Away to the north stretched the Green Mountains, immovable and Atlas-like, supporting, as it were, the heavens with their shadowy summits.

The palatial residence of Colonel John R. Syndingham, railroad magnate and broker, stood with coign and cornice glittering and scintillating in the mellow evening light; the colonial verandas silhouetted against the purple and gold of the sunset sky, suggesting verily, the stolidity and arrogance, the pride and exclusiveness of the Colonel.

Within this stately edifice, a girl of twenty summers paced the floor restlessly, her delicate, finely curved face showing anguish and agitation. Claire Syndingham, daughter and sole heiress of the Vermont magnate, was a queenly girl, tall and slender. She possessed a face neither Raphaelesque nor celestial in its beauty, but one rather plain and sweetly old-fashioned. The wavy brown hair harmonized not badly with the deep gray eyes. Classic, yet not beautiful, Claire's gifts from Nature were intellect, talents, and a sweet disposition, rather than any charms superficial. The fine face was clouded and in her eyes there was a troubled look. "O no! it must not and shall not be! Father said to-day that I must choose between that inane and insipid Englishman, Winston Archer, and Dick. Dick says, I must not leave my home and my father when he's all alone. O, that my poor mother were living! Father says that when he has settled Dick on the Stock Exchange "Poor Richard" will have to emulate his namesake and peddle almanacs for a livelihood." The girl smiled faintly at her father's grim humor, then her face resumed the troubled expression. "By marrying me off to young Archer, father seeks to amalgamate the Archer interests and his own. O what will not men do for money! Tomorrow he says, the Richelieu River Railway Company elects officers and he, together with Archer, Sr. seeks to crowd Dick from the presidency of the road, by buying up all the available market. Dick said, when we were last together, that he controlled by but four shares and that the balance of power was liable to a reversal any day. O dear!" Claire, discouraged by the outlook, sighed and plunged into the window-seat. Casually her eye fell upon an old newspaper that had been placed under a vase of carnations in order to protect the tabouret on which they set. Glancing at the date, she childishly turned the paper over; it was a sheet from the little town of Red Fork, some miles up in the hill country. Seeking to distract her attention from her own troubles, she read every "local" and then glanced at the "For Sale" column. Suddenly she started.

A flush came to her cheeks and her hand unconsciously sought her forehead as she read:— For Sale! Ten Shares of Richelieu preferred at 102. Enquire, H. J. King, Red Fork, Vermont, near schoolhouse.

She gazed out of the window at the cloudy sky. The sun, already sunk, had ceased to illumine the valleys lying sombre in dusk; to the gray mountain-peaks and hazy purple clouds it was imparting but a faint glow. "That I may not be too late," and with this, she hurriedly descended the broad stairway. * * * *

An oppressive stillness pervaded the office of Colonel Syndingham, unbroken save by the rustle of a woman's skirts. The semi-darkness of the rooms was intensified and augmented by the clouding sky outside. "At least I can't find father about. It would take a messenger too long to reach Dick, so I'll 'phone at once." Claire stepped toward the instrument and then halted. "I had better make sure that father is nowhere about. He must not overhear my message. It would mean Dick's ruin as well as mine." She entered the reception room and turned on the lights. Colonel Syndingham was nowhere to be seen; his sanctum was deserted. "Dick will be at his office tonight I know, for this is the only evening in the week he's at his Montpelier office; besides he's always very methodical, especially in business and in his attention to—me. I surely can reach him by phone." The bell tinkled, followed by the sound of the resetting receiver lever. "Fifty-four seventy-three West please." The old and familiar "line's busy" served only to try the patience of the waiting girl. How terribly and unendurably long the minutes seemed to her. Her overwrought nerves were on the point of collapse when Central informed her that the connections had been made.

The outer reception room door had been opened the moment before and Colonel Syndingham had entered, followed by two gentlemen. So absorbed was the girl in listening for her call that she had been utterly oblivious to their entrance. Attracted by the sound of the phone in his private office, the magnate stepped to the doorway and peered into the gloom. He recognized his daughter's voice and was about to address her when the significance of her first sentence rooted him speechless to the spot:

"Dick, I have chosen to give you information in preference to father. Tomorrow, your company elects officers and you said that there was some uncertainty as to the outcome. In last Thursday's issue of the little paper from Red Fork, I, today, saw ten shares of Richelieu R. R. Stock advertised for sale by a man named King—H. J. King, living near the old schoolhouse. I have not told father and he does not know that I know of them, or that even any such shares are for sale. There is a mere possibility that the man has not yet sold them; we must see about them this very night. You understand, ten shares at 102, I believe it said—what is it? O, Red Fork, H. J. King, Red Fork, Calledonia county.

I will be down to Montpelier at 8:45. Be ready for me, dear. Good bye." The girl, wholly unconscious of her undesired audience, turned only to meet the steadfast but bodeful gaze of her father, sardonically stroking his chin. The girl felt her heart stop for a moment and her breath came in short, quick gasps. Standing near the Colonel and facing her were the abhorred Archers, father and son, seeking two alliances with the Syndinghams, the one financial, the other matrimonial. The silence was broken by the irate parent's deep voice:—"Be it so, my daughter; plot against your father, against yourself, if you deem it best. I have but few words to say. Mr. Archer and myself wish to properly thank you for your kindness in bestowing upon us such valuable knowledge." A sarcastic leer lighted the magnate's face. "These shares at Red Fork shall be purchased by telegraph before you and your friend, Mr. Richard Stanton Foster can possibly avail yourselves of them. It seems too bad to jeopardize your inheritance, your social status and prestige, your father's esteem, and the hand of Winston Archer, for ten shares of stock. But, mark you, with tomorrow's setting sun, Mr. Richard Foster will cease to act as president of the road, *my* road, and he will find that to oppose a Syndingham means financial as well as social degradation. Please leave the room!" * *

The blustering storm-king had entered his terrestrial court. The wind, which had sprung up at sunset, had been blowing from the north-east; but with that suddenness which presages an equinoctial gale, had suddenly veered to the southwest. In the darkened heavens lay a mass of sombre, threatening clouds. The fain remnant of day, a mere purple haze, tended only to intensify the darkness in the east. A coolness, followed by a sultry calm, foretold the fact that old Aeolus was about to break forth from his cavernous imprisonment in wrathful rage upon a tranquil, autumnal world.

A big, black automobile suddenly drew up and stopped before the Chamber of Commerce in the quaint old Vermont capital. A slender girl stepped lightly out of the vehicle, ran up the marble steps, and stood before the sign which read: Newell and Foster.

As the light of the office fell full upon her face it proved to be Claire. The door closed only to be re-opened, and she came out, followed by a tall, broad-shouldered young man, closely wrapped and muffled.

"We have a long, cold, dangerous ride before us, Claire, with possible success but more probable defeat to reward our pains. It's a long chance, and you are the bravest little woman in all the world to undergo what you have today for my sake." By this time, the couple had left the building, crossed to the curb, where the great, chugging machine stood, expectant, as it seemed, of gaining glory for itself by a successful accomplishment of the task which that night might be before it. A

tucking in of the robes, an advancing of the levers, and the great machine leapt forward. The race for supremacy was on in earnest.

Down the thoroughfare, crossing street car tracks at a bound, the car flew along, driven by the powerful motor. A few people only, those hurrying homeward to escape the approaching storm, saw the blurr of the side lamps, and no one was able to recognize the occupants



of the machine, crashing by on its wild run into the very teeth of the approaching tempest. A few little children gazed after the receding automobile and perhaps thought some evil spirit had passed, on evil bent. Yet dependent upon that mechanical creation were the hopes of a company, the policy of a syndicate, the possession of a railway, and the destiny of more than one family.

To the southeast sped the machine along Sutton Avenue until the old East Bridge was passed.

Then, owing to indecision as to which road led to Barton, Williamstown and Carrolton, there was a moment's delay. The doubt was cleared by a sign-post and guide-map. About five minutes later, a halt was made as the Valley "limited" passed. These were the only stops made during the run.

"But Claire," said the alert, peering driver, as he leaned toward his companion in order to make his words more audible, "explain to me what chance we can have of arriving at this farmer's before your father's telegram does. The ride seems to me most dangerous and almost useless."

"You see, Dick" said the girl as she allowed the storm to displace her dust-shield, "it's this way. The nearest telegraph station to Red Fork is Carrolton. These towns are about five miles apart. Carrolton is little more than a junction of two railroads, and the telegraphic service is under the supervision of father's new railroad company. Otherwise, it would be useless to send a message there. But when Syndingham is signed to a telegram, since father is the biggest stockholder, the operator feels duty-bound to see that his message is delivered, altho' sometimes he takes his time to it. Father told me the other day when I asked him about it, that at Carrolton there was a young fellow studying telegraphy who drives to work nights in his buggy. The operator has this boy deliver father's telegrams. You see, this special message in question would be sent to Carrolton at half-past eight or thereabouts. We ought to allow this messenger an hour at least in which to hitch up

his horse, drive the intervening five miles, arouse old King and deliver the message. We left Montpelier at fifteen till nine. If we can but make these thirteen miles in forty-five minutes,—its surely a race against time, Dick.” His answer was lost in the night. The girl remained silent, only wrapping the robes closer about her. It was a weird, wild ride.

The car laboriously ascended the steep, winding New England hills but flew down the declines with a speed which nearly robbed the travelers of their breath. Once a stone jarred the steering-wheel from his grasp. Only his presence of mind and the brake saved the car from being dashed into the adjacent stone fence. But Foster only closed his lips more firmly and turned on more power.

By this time the lightning was so incessant that it almost nullified the forelight, which at best lighted but a streak in the winding hilly road. The wind blew into their faces with an unpleasant sharpness and sting. Save at infrequent intervals, the lights of Barton and Williamstown were mere passing gleams. But six miles left! Thro’ an almost virgin forest, where an hour before a stroke of lightning had riven a huge walnut tree throwing it nearly across their path, on through a miry stretch of road they plunged, until at last, at a sharp curve in the road, with the great car upon but two wheels, the dim lights of Carrolton flashed into view.

“The home-stretch” muttered Foster as the lightning revealed a straight piece of road which, he happened to know, led almost to Red Fork. The great machine was wide open and it flew along as a thing possessed. The rain had commenced to fall and the lightning became more sporadic, promising a cessation of the storm. A few hundred feet ahead loomed up a black object and, a moment later a large white one. The first was a buggy, the second was the old bridge across the Red Fork Creek. Foster slowed up for the buggy and as he approached the incline, overtook it. The horse, half blinded by the lightning, shied at the automobile and it became necessary to fall in behind the buggy. The bridge, however, was wider than the highway and upon it the vehicles exchanged places. On past the straggling houses to the schoolhouse and up the driveway of their destination they sped and shut off the throbbing motor before the door. The family dog, the exhaust of the engine, and the big auto-horn all served as a summons. A woman timidly opened the door and called, “What’s wanted?”

“Does Mr. H. J. King live here?”

“Yes, but he’s over at Johnson’s on an errand.”

“Will he be back soon?”

“Why he ought to be back now. Won’t you come in and wait?”

The thought that perhaps the telegram had already been delivered, or that perchance, the farmer might meet the messenger in the lane and

receive the message, almost unnerved the stiff, shivering, fearful Foster. The wait at the house seemed endless. Finally came the sound of the farmer's feet upon the steps. He entered the door and in his hand there was a yellow envelope, unopened! Foster rushed forward without waiting for an introduction and made known his mission at once. The business was transacted and the securities transferred. In the excitement of the sale, the old farmer had quite forgotten the telegram. "Now open your message," laughed Claire, radiant and happy. "Well, the offers and proposals got here about the same time, but I believe the first was the best," smiled King. Richard slipped an arm about Claire and in the old farmer's home there was, as a fitting culmination to the others, another proposal, silent yet understood. So through the thoughtfulness and courage of Claire, Richard Foster's prestige remained intact and unchanged. The lovers could not be longer separated, and, by the last of the evening's proposals and acceptances, they would not be long apart.

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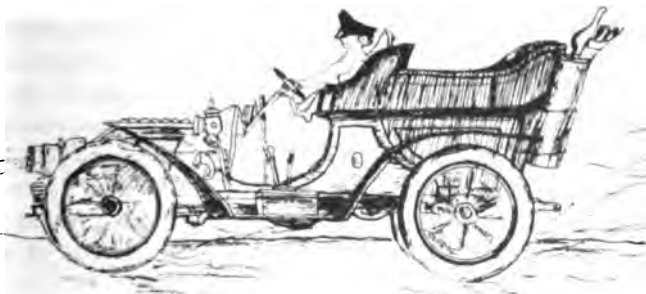
The express next morning bore Claire and Richard and a big muddy auto back to Montpelier. That afternoon, Mr. Richard Foster was re-elected to the presidency of the Richelieu Railway for a lengthened term. The story of the wild race against time and telegraphy was whispered among the directors. He was asked to tell, and under pressure did so, in a simple, straightforward way. As the speaker finished, there was a rush on the part of the directors to congratulate him. In that rush, there came a boy bearing a letter addressed in a familiar feminine hand. It was from Claire, summoning him to her home at once. * *

The great doors opened and the white-haired Colonel grasped warmly the hand of the newly-elected president. "It was just like Claire to do it; she's a chip off the old block, a Syndingham through and through! You may be proud to become the husband of so true a girl. I'm proud of you too, my boy!"

"Claire deserves all the glory," blushed the happy Foster.

"It's too good to be true," interrupted Claire, "and do you know, Dick, that the Archers were the first to congratulate me!"

L. W. S.



Music Department of Miami University.

It is now universally conceded that music is an important factor in human development. In the music that has been handed down to us from the past centuries we may see reflected the intellectual development of the human race as it passes from one stage of evolution to another. The aims, aspirations and ideals of a people are always reflected in its music. Hence one need only study the music of a certain period in the world's history to determine the intellectual and moral development of the people at that time.

Music not only reflects the hopes, joys, aspirations and ideals of humanity, but, at the same time, wields a powerful influence upon human life and conduct. It brings into the home life a softening, refining, elevating influence that cannot be found in the home where music is unknown. I do not mean to say that there is no refinement nor culture in the unmusical home. It may contain everything in this respect, yet it is cold and barren compared with the home which is permeated with a musical atmosphere. Music is to the home what the balmy air and warm sunshine are to the flowers of springtime. It touches and calls forth a side of human nature which cannot be developed in any other way.

What is true of the home is also true of the school or institution. Realizing this fact, the honorable Board of Trustees of Miami University created a department of music in the institution and the work of building up this department was inaugurated with the beginning of the present college year. The results so far have been very gratifying, while the outlook for the future is full of encouragement, notwithstanding the difficulties that remain to be overcome.

An orchestra, of which all may feel justly proud, has been organized and some excellent work has already been done. This is due entirely to the enthusiasm and perseverance of its members who seemed inspired with a determination to overcome all difficulties, technical and otherwise. So far our work has been confined principally to light overtures, suites, marches, etc., but we are preparing to begin work on the heavier overtures and symphonies in the near future.

The Miami Choral Society has been organized and meets every Wednesday afternoon. These weekly rehearsals are a source of much pleasure to the director, and, if the enthusiasm on the part of the singers may be taken as a criterion, the same may be said of all concerned. The recent concert is only a faint foreshadowing of what we expect to do in the future. It is proposed to take up the study of Handel's masterpiece—"The Messiah," at the beginning of next year and present it with chorus and orchestra during commencement week. Artists of national reputation will be engaged for the principal solo work.

A male chorus and Glee club has also been organized and some fairly good work has been accomplished, although we labor under the serious disadvantage of having no first tenors. It is not possible for medium tenor voices to sustain the high tenor part for any length of time either in practice or performance without doing violence to the voices as well as to the music. We have some assurance, however, that our present difficulties in this respect will soon be overcome.

The work in music in the Normal college, so far, has been directed toward the study of the subject itself rather than towards methods of teaching it. But, as would naturally be expected, these Normal classes are composed of bright, intelligent young ladies and gentlemen who come to Miami with a definite aim in view and a determination to thoroughly prepare themselves for their chosen work as teachers. Consequently, rapid progress is being made and complete organization will be established by the end of this year.

Private courses on pianoforte and in voice culture have been opened with as many students as can conveniently be accommodated at present. Next year an assistant teacher of violin, mandolin and guitar will be provided and students desiring to study these instruments will have ample facilities.

In addition to the above a scientific course in music has been instituted. This course is open only to students enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts, and, in order to gain admission, the student must possess certain requirements in the art of music with the ability to play well upon some one of the standard musical instruments. The studies of the course include the history of music, harmony and composition and orchestration. In order to complete this course the student must submit, as the-is, an original composition in the form of a cantata, embracing solos and choruses, with a full orchestral accompaniment, the entire work requiring not less than twenty minutes for its performance. Those who have entered upon this course are making excellent progress and bid fair to complete it with honor to themselves and to the institution.

Thus, owing to the progress already made, and the kindly interest manifested by the entire student body, together with the hearty support of the President and all faculty members, the music director feels justified in aiming to make the music department of Miami University take rank among the best of its kind, and to afford students coming to Miami advantages for the study of music equal to those of any other college or university in the country.

S. S. MYERS,

Director of Music Department.

Personal Recollections of the Rev. W. C. Anderson, D. D.

FORMER PRESIDENT OF MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

The class of '53, had from their entrance the benefit of the instruction and of the example of that eminent clergyman and polished gentleman, the Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Anderson, who was president of the University from 1849-1854. He was a man of consummate tact, who could make the most awkward and timid boy at ease in his presence and, at the same time, so preserve his dignity that the most forward and impudent never thought of taking with him any undue liberty. He had a keen sense of humor and enjoyed as heartily as any of the boys anything calculated to produce mirth, but never permitted any such thing to interfere with the serious business on hand. There was a time for the laughter to stop, and when that time had come and he raised his hand, he would have been a brave boy indeed, or rather a recklessly foolish boy, who did not at once become as serious as a deacon. No man could keep better order in his classroom, or when the whole company of students were, for any purpose, assembled in the chapel. No one wanted to laugh after he had given the signal for silence, or if, by chance, someone even smiled audibly, a flash like that of lightning from the Doctor's eyes made him forget that there had been anything to laugh at.

He had a way too of giving reproof that was peculiar, inimitable and most effective. I remember, at one time, when we were studying Guizot's History of Civilization, a member of our class came to recitation wearing a shirt that badly needed laundering. We had finished the regular recitation when the Doctor began, as he often did, a talk with the apparent intention of supplementing the book. He often gave such talks and they were always of exceeding interest. I only wish that I could repeat his words, for they were most eloquent. I can only give the substance of what he said; and said with such life and spirit and genial friendliness and good humor as made his talk so exquisite and delightful, so full of interest to every one, even to him at whom the reproof was aimed, until the stroke came quick and sharp, like the crack of a whip, and utterly unexpected to everybody, for he was not so poor in resources as to make it necessary for him to use stereotype forms.

He spoke in commendation of the text book, pointing out its general excellencies but said that he thought Guizot failed in not giving greater prominence to the influence of the Reformation, in the work of making modern civilization what it is. He declared that it had quickened all thought and so freed men from the bondage of mediæval superstition that not in religion alone did it bring about a great awakening but in all things secular as well. Invention had been at once quickened, discoveries had been made, men had been given a new life, a life of activity and enterprise, labor had been ennobled; and this had not been for a short

time but still continued. Everything was changed, a change for the better. What had formerly been done by hand, and by slow and tedious processes was now done by machinery and one man could, with all ease, do the work, in a day, that before the Reformation was the work of many men for weeks, or months. All this was spoken with an earnestness and magnetism and eloquence that held the admiring attention of every member of the class and then came the climax when he said. "Such young gentlemen has been the progress in machinery, such the miracles of invention that it is scarcely an exaggeration to say, that now a man can go to one end of a machine and throw in a shirt and go to the other end and take out a Testament: the paper made, printed and bound into a book while you are waiting. But if the reformation had not been, and men were yet in the night of darkness that had settled upon the earth before the Reformation's dawn, all their faculties weakened and enslaved, bound with the shackles of ignorance, dominated by arrogant men, many of them as ignorant as their followers—then"—and he turned to the man for whose benefit all this talk had been made—"then, W. D. you might have kept your shirt and worn it as long as you pleased."

At one time, some of the boys took a fancy to milk punch. To make it they required fresh milk and, in order to get that necessary ingredient, they went to an old gentleman, who kept several cows and told him that a student, named Hopkins, was very sick and the doctor had said that he must have new milk to drink. He had, they said, forbidden all solid food, and that his life depended upon his having plenty of good fresh milk. The old gentleman became interested and, being of an excellent disposition, he told them to come every evening, and get as much milk as they needed. He refused to take any money for the milk, was glad indeed that he could be of service to the poor, sick man. They reported daily the progress of the disease and the old gentlemen became so interested that he spoke of the sick student to others and, in some way, the news of Hopkins' illness and his great need of milk came to Doctor Anderson. He knew that there was no such student in the University, and in chapel one morning he began to talk, as he often did, in his happy way, of heresies in the church, and then gave a most interesting dissertation on the Hopkinsian heresy. He gave a short account of the Rev. D. Hopkins who, in the early years of the last century, published a work on theology, in which he maintained, as a fundamental doctrine, that all virtue and all true holiness consisted in disinterested benevolence; that all sin is selfishness and even that the self love that leads a man to give his first regard to his own eternal interests was sinful and that a man, in order to be saved, must be willing, if it was to the glory of God, to be damned. He made a talk on this subject that was, like any talk of his, of absorbing interest and just when all were hanging spellbound

on his words, suddenly changed voice and manner and said. "But young gentlemen, I want you all to know that Hopkins is dead and has no further need of fresh milk;" and that finished the milk punch business.

The Doctor had a happy faculty of putting boys or men, not only at their ease when in his presence but also in good humor with themselves. I remember once, when at a meeting of the Presbytery, before I was licensed to preach, taking dinner in company with him and some others at a farmhouse. We had a good dinner. The old gentleman with whom we dined, had, in honor of the occasion, killed a sheep and we had mutton for dinner, which was nicely cooked and very palatable but which I thought nothing specially of until the Doctor turning to our host said, in his inimitable way, "Colonel, what excellent mutton this is? Your flock must be of the South Down variety." The Colonel was of course delighted and even to me, somehow, the mutton seemed to become more savory. It was as though some excellent sauce had been poured over it.

Dr. Anderson would introduce and carry on religious conversation with the greatest ease and naturalness and profit of any man whom I ever met; nor did I ever know his superior or even his equal in prayer-meeting talks. As a preacher he was a very prince and such was his power to influence men to good that although his stay in any church was not very long, he always left the church to which he ministered in very much better condition in every way than when he went to it. He was a brave man. There was not a drop of coward blood in his veins. He was ever ready for love, or for war and never fought more earnestly than when championing the cause of his friends. He was a great, strong, loving, faithful man, to know whom was a liberal education. I have always counted it a blessing and privilege to have known him and shall always hold him in most grateful remembrance.

R. C. GALBRAITH, '53.





JAMES E. LOUGH.

Dr. James E. Lough.

James Edwin Lough was born at Eaton, Ohio, in 1871. His father, Major W. H. Lough, Sr., was a student at Miami in 1853-54 and later from 1856 to 1859. Mr. Lough was graduated from the Grammar School and High School at Eaton, and entered the Freshman class of Miami University in the fall of 1887. Here he was a thorough student and an active member of the college organizations. He was a member of the Erodolphian Literary Society, one of the reorganizers of the Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and a member of the first football team organized at the University. In 1891 he was graduated with high standing taking the philosophical honors and receiving the A. B. degree.

During 1891-92 he taught in the Eaton Schools. From there he went to the Stockton, Ohio, schools as principal. This position he resigned to enter the Graduate School of Harvard University in the fall of '93. Here he studied Psychology and Philosophy for five years under Professors James, Münsterberg, Royce and Palmer. At the end of his first year Mr. Lough was appointed assistant in Experimental Psychology under Professor Münsterburg. In '96 he was advanced to instructor in Experimental Psychology and retained this position until he left Harvard. At the same time he was instructor in Psychology at Radcliff College from '94 to '98, and instructor in Experimental Psychology at Wellesley in '97 and '98. Harvard conferred the Doctor's Degree on Mr. Lough in 1898.

During the summer of '98 he was elected Professor of Psychology and Methods of Teaching in the State Normal School at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. While there Dr. Lough organized the strictly pedagogical course into a Department of Pedagogy of which he was chairman during 1900-1901.

In 1901 he was appointed Professor of Psychology in the School of Pedagogy of New York University. This is the oldest collegiate institution for the training of teachers in the country. Its Graduate School gives courses leading to the degrees of Master of Pedagogy and Doctor of Pedagogy. Dr. Henry M. MacCracken (Miami '58) is Chancellor of the University. In addition to his professorship, Dr. Lough is secretary of the School of Pedagogy and of the Washington Square College Extension and director of the New York University Summer School.

Dr. Lough is particularly interested in Experimental Psychology and the Applications of Psychology to teaching. He is an active member of the American Psychological Association; the American Philosophical Association; the National Educational Association; the Society for Educational Research; Fellow of the American Association for the

Advancement of Science; Fellow of the New York Academy of Science, and Secretary of the Section of Anthropology and Psychology.

In July 1900, Dr. Lough married Dora Albonetta Bailey, daughter of Albon E. Bailey, who for many years was editor of Boston's most conservative newspaper, *The Transcript*.

James E. Lough is one of the younger men who have brought honor to the University. Miami has looked so long for honor to her older sons, the graduates prior to '73, that she scarcely realizes that her graduates and students since '85 are rapidly coming into prominence. It is interesting to note the character of the recent graduates. Relatively a much larger number are devoting themselves to teaching. An especially brilliant lot of men have gone from Miami to Harvard for graduate work. W. H. Powers '91 was the first entering the Department of English. He was followed by J. E. Lough '91 in Psychology; A. E. Krom '92 in Philosophy and Theology; S. W. Cabell '95 in Latin and Greek; W. J. Hale '97 in Chemistry; A. H. Upham '97 in English; E. L. Ferris '98 in Law and P. M. Hooven 1900 in law. All of these men have been recognized in their various fields as men of marked ability and promise and all have won for themselves positions of importance or responsibility.

R. M. H. '93.

On Boys.

Were you ever a boy? I would rather be a boy than any other animal on the earth—not a cigarette-smoking, wizened, precociously old man selling newspapers in the city but a real human out-of-doors boy.

He has so many joys. In the first place no animal gets any more comfort out of filling his skin till it is as tight as a drum unless perhaps our relative the hog. Did you ever see boys eat watermelon? I knew a man, a storekeeper, whose stock of watermelons seemed to be spoiling. He thought he might as well enjoy his loss so he called in a few boys—not more than he could comfortably watch—and set them to work racing on melons. Toward the end of their capabilities he was most assiduous in urging more on the contestants, suggesting the loosening of a button here and of a belt there and all the while spurring each by calling attention to the capacity of another. I suppose there were never any more miserably happy boys than those. Did they get sick? Not a bit of it. If you had fed stalwart men that quantity of watermelon in the early stages of decadence the village doctor would have been fighting cholera morbus for two days.

The country boy is a naturalist of a high order. Who but he knows every bend in every brook, every tree and every bush on his father's farm.

He knows just where the wild wood duck nested last year and where to get blackberries or pawpaws—these latter only good after a long course of ripening in the bran bin from which they may be taken if discovered to feast the hired man's palate rather than the boy's own. He isn't much on flowers but anything that swims or creeps or runs or flies finds in him an enthusiastic pursuer. Not that he is cruel but he loves the pleasures of the chase. If by any chance he kills a bird with his sling-shot he is sorry and sneaks the bird off somewhere or buries it, but the next bird is fired at just as usual. I am thankful to say that few become accurate with such weapons.

Who but the boy would put a horse hair in a bottle of water in a knot on an old apple tree and expect to have it transformed by some magic into horse hair worms such as he has seen down by the little flood-gate along the run.

Of course he has to work—but according to his strength only and assembling wheat sheaves for the shockers or uncovering corn is really play after all. Far different later when he is given a team and sent out to attain experience between the plow handles. The poetry of that is banged out of his ribs the first time he strikes a stone, and thereafter it is work pure and simple.

He doesn't usually care for school—the part between recesses and noonings—though it is well enough in its way. How much concentrated bliss can be crowded into fifteen short minutes of recess none but a boy can realize. And noons! He just hustles outside his grub—bread, jelly and, if the gods be favorable a piece of pie, in order that there may be a long fifty-five minutes for play. I know that city children usually have an hour and a half noon intermission but they either frowst around the fire at home till the warning bell or indulge in some other equally unhealthful method of passing the time. At a district school you had to get out and stay out during intermissions except in the severest weather, unless you happen to be a girl.

There they come after all. I had thought that the joys of fishing would be next. Every boy likes to fish. No normal boy in my experience would ever acknowledge that he liked a girl and to specify any particular girl would drive him into fits of frantic frothing rage and yet—well—it wasn't always the same girl and he thought he kept his secret to himself and even from himself—and yet! It is usually a tom-boy at first. All of the nicest girls, those who grow into the nicest young ladies and old ladies are tom-boys at first, I am sure. At least the country girls are. They can run about as well as their brothers, but I regret to say that few are ever able to throw well. You may say that is anatomical. I doubt it. Boys are perfectly well made on the left side but how they throw. Another trouble about girls is that even the best of them doesn't like to get dirty—that is, too dirty, while a boy can wade in the ooziest kind of

mud and then sit happily with wet feet all day in school. Of course h always has a cold. I supposed it was necessary to have a cold, more or less severe, all winter. It always left in the spring. There is something about the air on a bleak, bright March or April Saturday, down on a dank, dripping mossy log by the creek that would cure any cold. I don't know whether it is the shiny, bobbing parti-colored cork, or the fish-worms wriggling around in your hair (under your hat because you are so far from the bait can) or the sockdologer of a sucker—seven and three eighths inches long, two punkin seeds and four microscopic shiners that dangle, miserable and flapping, from your stringer (set down stream lest the water washing by might tell the other fishes in the hole of their fate) but I do know that no boy ever had a cold on a fishing Saturday. Even if he had to sniff he used to sneak out behind the woodshed to do it that day. Fishing brings up the less pleasant and more back-achey memories of the garden, and lest this becomes a sort of continued in-our-next Arabian Nights about boys I will stop while the pea-sticking and bean poling and weeding is still a memory. Why hadn't men invented bunch beans and ground peas and weedless garden truck then? The youngsters of the present day don't know their blessings.

Is It Wrong?

After Leigh Hunt's variation of the rondeau.

May is married? Yes, I know;
Did you think it would displease me?
Yes, I've loved her long, and so
You have looked for grief to seize me.
My old schoolmate long ago—
She has wed while others tarried;
Still I nurse my love, though
May is married.
May is married! May, dear May;
How the thought of her can move me!
Hush! I know what you would say,
For your eyes, forsooth, reprove me.
Ah! you think that I should see
That my love should now be buried?
Well then, 'tis to me
May is married.

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Editorial.

Our Habitual Lateness.

This is our last issue this term. The retrospect is not exactly cheerful when we remember that thus far in the year not a single issue of THE STUDENT has appeared on time unless this one does. The matter of a few days does not make much difference perhaps to some people in some cases; to others, in some cases, it does. The inconveniences and embarrassments of the editors at these delays have certainly not been less than those of the readers. We can only ask our readers' pardon. We will not even attempt to place the responsibility for our uncertainty, not here, for we might be accused of shirking. Privately we'll be glad to tell you why some numbers were late and some later. Already we have the fateful "third Wednesday" marked on our calendar for next term. It is pleasant to think that we have three more chances to hit one of these days; so we hope yet to show that the statement made in the heading of THE STUDENT in regard to this "third Wednesday" is not always to be interpreted as meaning "at the convenience of the printers."

Changes in The Constitution.

At a meeting of the Board of Editors of THE STUDENT, held February 23rd, two changes to the constitution were proposed and adopted. The first provided for the election of an assistant business-manager, who is to serve as assistant the first year, and succeed to the managership the year following. This is done to prevent all the arduous duties of this place falling upon a new man at the beginning of the year.

The second amendment gave the members of the Senior Normal College the right to vote in elections for editor-in-chief and business-

manager. Heretofore this right has been confined to the College of Liberal Arts.

In accordance with these amendments a special election was held March 3rd, at which Mr. Walter Binkley was chosen to serve as assistant the rest of this year, becoming manager next year. At the regular May election the assistant for 1904-5 will be elected.

University Notes.

The February 4th and the February 11th numbers of the Journal of Education contain the first and second of a series of articles on "Modern Methods in Modern Language Teaching," by Dr. A. W. James, of Miami University.

We notice a fine likeness of President Guy Potter Benton in the February 18th number of the "Journal of Education."

On Tuesday evening, February 9th, the Hamilton Rifles' Minstrel Company gave an entertainment in the Miami Chapel. It was given under the auspices of the Oxford Free Reading Room, and it was a success in every way. While all deserved commendation, we were most interested in the parts taken by two of Miami's former students, Claude D. Wilson, '01, and Lee N. Parrish, who were endmen. They acquitted themselves with credit. The Comedietta, "A Proposal Under Difficulties," was exceptionally well done.

Mr. Darrel Joyce, '03, Superintendent of the Hamilton Public Schools, was in Oxford on the evening of February 9th. He called on some of his friends, and attended the entertainment given by the Hamilton Rifles.

Mr. L. C. Turner, Dartmouth's famous right tackle, attended the Basket Ball game between the Miami girls and the O. S. U. girls on February 27th.

On Friday evening, February 26th, Professor Chapman gave an entertainment at Hillsboro, Ohio. With a part of the program he was assisted by Lon W. Haynes. The entertainment was given in the Opera House before a large appreciative audience. It was under the auspices of the M. E. Church of Hillsboro.

It is with regret that we realize that we have heard the last of the Union Lyceum Course for this season. Take it all in all we have had an excellent series of entertainments; and the Committee should be congratulated for the success of their efforts. The Lecture Course is a valuable feature of our college life.

Commencement Arrangements.

The arrangements for Commencement Week are complete.

On Sunday, June 12th, at 2:30 P. M., President Benton will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon. At 7:30 P. M., the Annual Sermon before the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. will be preached by Rev. J. P. E. Kumler, D. D., member of the class of 1853; Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, Pa., 1884 to 1901; present address Washington, D. C.

On Monday, June 13th., at 8:00 P. M. will occur the Annual Oratorical Contest for the Gold Medal presented by the Board of Trustees.

On Tuesday, June 14th at 2:00 P. M., the Commencement Exercises of the Ohio State Normal College of Miami University will be held. Address by Hon. Lewis D. Bonebrake, Ohio State School Commissioner, of Columbus. At 7:30 P. M. will be held the Class Day Exercises of the Class of 1904 of the College of Liberal Arts. John L. Kinsey is the Class Day Orator; Frank E. Wood, writes the Will; Ralph D. Brown, the Prophecy; Miss Julia L. Bishop, the Song; Herbert M. Hughes, the Poem; Miss Ruth Snyder, the History.

On Wednesday, June 15th, at 11:00 A. M., the Business Meeting of the Miami University Alumni Association. At 2:00 P. M., the Alumni Address by Hon. Elam Fisher, of the Class of 1870, Judge of the Second Judicial District of Ohio. From 4:00 to 6:00 P. M., at Lewis Place, will be held the President's reception to the Alumni, the Graduating Class and Visiting Friends. At 7:30 P. M. Grand Concert by the Department of Music under the direction of Dr. Myers.

On Thursday, June 16th, at 10:00 A. M., the Baccalaureate Commencement. The Class Representatives are Marion M. Glasgow, John L. Baker and Samuel J. Brandenburg.

The Commencement Oration will be delivered by Hon. Walter Wellman, the noted journalist and explorer, of Washington, D. C. In 1892 Mr. Wellman located the landing place of Columbus on Watling (San Salvador) Island, Bahamas, and marked the spot with a monument. In 1894 and in 1898-9 he led the famous expeditions to the Arctic regions. Since 1884 he has been the political and Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald.

We anticipate an interesting and enjoyable week.

University Service.

The Eleventh University Service was held on Sunday, February 21st at 2:30 P. M. The attendance was not as good as usual because of the inclement weather and because a number of students had gone home to stay over Washington's Birthday. The preacher was Rev. Leroy M. Coffman, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at

Sidney, Ohio. The sermon was thoughtful and practical. The theme was appropriate to the time. The breadth and unity of the discourse are worthy of special comment.

Both faculty members and students were highly pleased with the effort.

Following is the program of the service:

1. Overture—"Meditation" *Lourendro*
UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA.
2. Hymn—"America" *Smith*
CHORUS AND CONGREGATION.
3. Apostles' Creed.
4. Prayer.
5. Lord's Prayer—Chant arranged by S. S. Myers.
6. Scripture Reading—Ex. III: 1-15.
7. Chorus—"God Shall Charge His Holy Angels" *Myers*
MIAMI CHORAL SOCIETY.
8. Sermon—"Reverence in Life and Civilization," Ex. III: 5.
9. Closing Prayer.
10. Hymn—"Trust in Our Father's God" *Davis*
11. Benediction.
12. Postlude
UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA.

Biological Club.

The Biological Club constitutes a small band who have been interested enough to hold meetings bi-weekly with as much regularity as possible since last October. The membership is not limited but is open to all who are interested. It now consists of Dr. S. R. Williams, Prof. G. W. Hoke, C. E. Pattison, L. W. Haynes, C. E. Brown, A. C. Olson, and G. C. Fisher. The work consists chiefly in reviews of the current literature on phases of biology in such magazines as "Science," "The American Naturalist," "Popular Science Monthly," etc. Dr. Williams has from time to time given us interesting accounts of his own investigations in Zoölogy, and we expect Prof. Hoke to give us the results of some of his own work.

After returning from the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at St. Louis during convocation week, Dr. Williams gave us brief abstracts of the following addresses: "The Albatross Rookeries on Laysan," by C. C. Nutting, of the University of Iowa; "A Feature in the Evolution of the Trotting Horse," by F. E. Nipher, of St. Louis; "Further Observations of the Breeding Habits, and

on the Function of the Pearl Organs in Several Species of Eventognathi;" by Jacob Reighard, of the University of Michigan; "On the Morphology of Artificial Parthenogenesis in the Sea-Urchin, Arbacia," by S. J. Hunter, of the University of Kansas.

The meetings are held in the Biology Lecture Room in Brice Scientific Hall.

The Mathematical Club.

The Mathematical Club held its second meeting of this year at 4:00, Friday evening, February 26th. The meeting was held in Room 20, Main Building, and was well attended. Edward P. Thompson, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, presided.

The speaker of the hour was Dr. Robert W. McFarland, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy in Miami University from 1856 to 1873; Professor of Mathematics, Astronomy and Civil Engineering at Ohio State University from 1885 to 1888. It was with reverent interest that we listened to him talk upon a branch of a subject which he taught here at Miami nearly forty years ago. His subject was "Some Points in Chronology." He showed the uncertainty of the dates of ancient time which are the basis of chronology, and the difficulties that are encountered in the computation of time. He discussed the determination of the date of Easter, and he gave us an ingenious rule, which he himself had generalized, for determining this without the use of a calendar or almanac. His acquaintance and experiences with Charles A. Young and Simon Newcomb, two of America's great astronomers, were of interest. The address was altogether enjoyable and instructive.

University Concert.

The Concert given by the Department of Music under the direction of Dr. Meyers was a grand success. The Chapel was well filled, and the audience manifested its appreciation of the entertainment by repeated calls for encores. Every part of the program was well rendered, but we must especially mention the University Orchestra. They played with a dash and precision that would have done credit to professionals. The success of the event is due to Dr. Meyers. The performances indicate a tremendous amount of well directed work.

PROGRAM.

MIAMI CHORAL SOCIETY, GLEE CLUB AND ORCHERTRA.

TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 16, 1904.

SHILO SHAFFER MYERS, DIRECTOR.

MISS EMMA CONE, PIANO ACCOMPANIST.

Overture:—"A Fairy Tale" *Laurendeau*
UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA.

Chorus:—"Light and Gay" (From the opera of Faust) *Gounod*
MIAMI CHORAL SOCIETY.

Vocal Solo:—"The Flower of the Alps." *Werkerlin*
MISS ETHEL PITTS.

Suite:—"Treasure Trove." *Whiting*
1. Music of the Mountains.
2. Dance of the Fairies.
3. The Approaching Storm.
4. Dawn of Day.

Chorus:—"Love's Old Sweet Song" (Arr. by Parks) *Molloy*
MIAMI GLEE CLUB.

Piano Solo:—"Polish Dances" *Xaver Scharwenka*
MISS CARRIE ELLIOTT.

March:—"Vashti." *Henry C. Fillmore*
ORCHESTRA.

Chorus:—"The Country Fair" *Flanz Abt.*

Vocal Solo:—"A Belated Violet" *Clayton Johns*
MISS EMMA CONE.

Overture:—"The Sweet Briar" *Laurendeau*
ORCHESTRA.

Chorus:—"Where are You Going to, My Pretty Maid?" . . . *Caldicott*
CHORUS.

Song:—"Po' Little Lamb" *Parks*
GLEE CLUB.

Medley:—"Grand Reconciliation" *Herndon*
ORCHESTRA.

Chorus:—"O Columbia, We Hail Thee," (Music from Lucretia)
. *Douizetti*
CHORUS, GLEE CLUB AND ORCHESTRA.

The Temple Quartet.

The last number of the Lyceum Course was The Temp'e Quartet, of Boston, February 29th. This is one of the oldest organizations in the country, and certainly one of the best of the kind. Not what they sang, but how they sang it is what made the audience generously enthusiastic. No forced "sense of courtesy" clapping of hands, but spontaneous hearty applause greeted each number and called the singers back never less than twice. Their selections were of a popular order, and the rendering perfect. "Old Kentucky Home" brought rounds of enthusiastic applause while the closing number, "Abide with Me," was not less well received.

Miss Victoria Lynn, reader, was excellent. The dialect poem of Joel Chandler Harris was probably best received, if we were to discriminate. But in the selection "Over the Mending Basket" Miss Lynn's powers were fully brought out and she proved by her rendering of this difficult piece that her abilities are beyond the ordinary.

Oratorical Contest.

Through the efforts of the committee, which consists of Dr. E. C. Hayes, of Miami University; Prof. E. G. Frazier, of the University of Kansas, and Prof. A. S. McKenzie, of Kentucky State College, the oratorical contest between state universities is assured. The number of State universities that have announced their unqualified intention to compete is sufficient to insure the success of the contest at St. Louis. We are confident that our representative, Mr. Howard S. Smith, will acquit himself creditably, and we hope he will bring home the trophy.

Following is the program:

THE FIRST ANNUAL
ORATORICAL CONTEST
BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES
OF
AMERICAN STATE UNIVERSITIES
IN THE
HALL OF CONGRESSES
AT THE
UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION,

ST. LOUIS, MO., 2:30 P. M., JUNE 22, 1904.

SYMPOSIUM ON

"THE IMPROVEMENT OF CITY GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES."

1. "The Growth and Cosmopolitan Character of American Cities."
2. "The Power and Methods of the City Boss."
3. "The Application of the Civil Service Merit System to Municipal Affairs."

4. "Independent Action in City Politics."
5. "The Adaptability of German Municipal Methods to American Cities."
6. "The Franchise System vs. Public Ownership."
7. "Have Democratic Principles been a Failure in Municipal Government."

Each contestant will have prepared on the general theme, without knowing which subdivision he will be called upon to discuss. To each speaker, one of these seven topics will be assigned by lot at 8:00 A. M., on the day of the Contest.

Speeches will be twelve minutes in length, and will be judged by a committee of distinguished gentlemen, familiar with municipal affairs, who will base their awards on the general effectiveness of each speaker and evidence of power to meet the requirements of oratory in real life.

Der Deutsche Club.

Die siebente Versammlung des deutschen clubs fand in der Wohnung Professor Feeneys statt. Die Anwesenden lasen oder erzählten zuerst Anekdoten, in welchen sie vieles zum Lachen fanden. Die Gäste wechselten häufig ihre Plätze und unterhielten sich über Gegenstände, welche der Herr Feeney vorschlug. Später wurden Erfrischungen dargereicht, und nach einem erfreulichen Abend begaben sich die Gäste nach Hause.

Der deutsche Club versammelte sich zum achten Mal bei Fräulein Brooks. Das Haus war mit duftigen Blumen geschmückt. Die Gäste unterhielten sich eine Zeitlang in deutscher Sprache und dann erzählte Professor James einige Erfahrungem in Deutschland in interessanter Weise. Hierauf wurde den Anwesenden ein echter deutscher Imbisz angeboten, welchem sie eifrig zusprachen. Und nachdem der Beschluss gefasst wurde sich bei Fräulein Greer in zwei Wochen wieder zu versammeln verabschiedeten sich die Gäste.

Die Mitglieder des deutschen Clubs fanden sich zum neunten Mal bei Fräulein Greer ein. Zuerst sprachen sie über dies and jenes, bis Fräulein Greer ein interessantes Spiel vorschlug. Dieses Spiel machte groszes Vergnügen. Fräulein Hochstrasser trug dann ein schönes Gedicht vor, "Die Kraniche des Ibikus." Hiernach wurden die Gäste aufs Beste bewirtet; und nachdem sie Fräulein Greer versichert, dasz sie einen frölichen Abend verlebt hätten, beschlossen sie sich dasz nächste Mal bei Professor James zu sehen.

SOPHIE MARIE SCHAEUBLE.

Le Cercle Français.

La cinquième réunion du cercle français eut lieu chez M. Brandon le dix-huit février. Dix membres furent présents. Un programme qui avait été arrangé par le comité, fut exécuté. M. Brandon donna une description de la vie campagnarde en France. Le programme fut vivement goûté par tout le monde. On passa le reste du soir à répéter les deux comédies qu'on jouera prochainement. On fait beaucoup de progrès et on les joue déjà très bien. Après avoir répété les deux comédies, la séance fut levée. Le cercle se réunira dans deux semaines.

CLARENCE MARSHALL, '05.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

There is nothing so gratifying as to see the successful working out of one's humble ideas. The Y. W. C. A. was started here by the girls, because they felt strongly the need of such an organization. Although the work at first was necessarily crude on account of the lack of knowledge but not of faith, we are delighted that the meetings this term have been so interesting, instructive, and spiritually helpful.

We think that the enthusiasm shown by the new members promises a bright future for the Y. W. C. A.

The work in the Mission Study Class, started last month, has been made very helpful by the efforts of the leader and the members. Fourteen girls have met together each week, and studied the heroic work of a servant of Christ in a foreign field. Papers have been read and reports given on the life of Judson. It has been the plan to study the character of the man as well as his work in Burma. The life of Duff is now being studied.

The Society has been able to subscribe for the Evangel for 1904. The papers will be placed in the library each month for the use of the girls.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

February 14th the annual election of officers of the association was held and the following men were elected: President, A. Lyle Kaye; Vice-President, Lawrence W. Swan; Secretary, Paul G. Moore; Treasurer, Frank A. Ralston; Corresponding Secretary, Howard S. Smith.

The new administration begins with the Spring Term.

On February 7th Elbert F. Schweickart presented the topic "Free-

dom for Service'' in a forceful, and pleasing way. The general discussion following his address, brought out a great many helpful suggestions.

On February 14th Mark Feeney took his central thought from Christ and his temptations, and gave his hearers an exposition of "Temptations" applied to a college man's life. His analogy presented some new phases of the topic, which would escape the average man.

The last meeting of the month was led by John Kinsey. His topic was "Building for Eternity." Although the inclemency of the day kept a large number from the meeting, those who were present were helped very much.

The meetings of this year have been made more attractive than last year by the improved singing largely due to the efforts of Dr. Myers. He is always present and gives the necessary vigor to this part of the service.

Miami was well represented at the State Convention of Y. M. C. A., held in Columbus, February 26th to 29th. With but one exception our delegation was the largest attending. Although this was the regular biennial convention, it was not nearly as well attended as it might have been, probably owing to the epidemic of typhoid fever prevalent at the time. An unusually fine program was carried out, some of the speakers being President Henry C. King, of Oberlin; George Sherwood Eddy, Y. M. C. A. traveling secretary in India; E. T. Colton, of Chicago, International secretary of student department; and Dr. Charles Frederic Goss, of Cincinnati. The trend of the Convention was toward interesting young men in foreign missions, and the three addresses delivered by Mr. Eddy on this subject were strong pleas for the work. The Convention sermon, "The Personality of Jesus Christ," preached by President King was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Miami representatives put up at the Great Southern Hotel, where the convention leaders were also staying. The opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with many of the speakers added greatly to the value of the convention. The delegation consisted of Professor Wildman, Messrs. Ralston, Swan, Kaye, Welliver, Riterman and Pye.

Athletics

Indoor Baseball With the Turners

Saturday evening, February 20th, the North Cincinnati Turners' indoor baseball team played the Miami team in the Miami Gymnasium. The game was a good one, although rather listless. The Turners won by a score of 10 to 9. Seven innings only were played, the game being called in order to allow the Turners to make their train. Miami put up

the better game and, had there been another inning or two, in all probability would have won. A return game will be played in Cincinnati some time in the near future. Line-up:

Catcher	Wood.
Pitcher	Hamsher.
1st Base	Silver.
2nd Base	Coleman.
3rd Base	Robinson.
Short stop	Marshall.
Right field	Walden.
Left field	Stout.

Ladies' Basket Ball.

The Ladies' Basket Ball team of Ohio State University played the Miami team a good game Saturday, February 27th. The Miami girls played the faster game and won by the score of 16 to 30. The O. S. U. team had a large number of fouls called on them which partially accounts for the difference in score, though Miami missed goal from many of these. O. S. U. claimed the state championship for college ladies teams, by this defeat Miami has placed herself in the race for first honors. All of the girls played a good game. The attendance was one of the largest seen in the Gymnasium for years.

Line-up:

MIAMI.		O. S. U.	
Miss Ruth Snyder	{	Forwards	{ Miss Reel.
Miss Robinson			{ Miss Leibold.
Miss Pansy Snyder	{	Centers	{ Miss Webber.
Miss Hinkle			{ Miss Schelling.
Miss Kruger	{	Guards	{ Miss Mackey, 1st half.
Miss Shaw			{ Miss Krumm.
			{ Miss Gorrell, 2nd half.

Alumni.

A preliminary meeting of the members of the alumni of Miami University was held February 14th in Hamilton, Ohio. The object of this meeting was to form what is to be known as the Miami University Association of Hamilton. Attorney Hinckley C. Smith was elected president and Darrel Joyce, Secretary. Within a radius of forty miles from Hamilton there are about three hundred graduates and former students of the University who are all expected to become members of the

association. Another meeting will be held March 12th at which time the organization will be completed, a full report of which we expect to give in our next issue.

1894—William S. Earhart has recently become an agent for electric light fixtures and is now located in Oxford, Ohio, for a short time.

1895—J. Charles Evans is pastor of a Congregational Church, Chilli-cothe, Illinois.

1897—A. C. Shaw is a practising physician in Eaton, Ohio.

1897—Alpha Sloneker, who was a student in Miami at this time, holds the position of a mining engineer in Mexico City.

1897—Lyle S. Evans is attorney-at-law, Chillicothe, Ohio.

1897—Pearl Watt has a govermental position at Nome City, Alaska.

1897—Dwight L. Huston is an agent for the Alle's Chalmers Machine Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

1897—John Eagan who was at Miami a short time, later a graduate in the law school of Ann Arbor, Michigan, is now the junior partner of the law firm of Callahan and Eagan, Dayton, Ohio.

1899—Clifford Grulee is chief Interne in Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

1899—William Stokes is the chemist with the Price Baking Powder Company, Chicago, Illinois.

1900—G. W. Sullenberger is the proprietor of the Tallawanda Flour Mills, Oxford, Ohio.

1900—The death of Mrs. Murphy, wife of Roy Murphy, occurred in Liberty, Indiana, February 4th. Mr. Murphy has since then removed to Columbus, Ohio, where he is engaged in business.

1900—Mary Coulter, a student in the Junior class of this year, was married recently to A. T. Smart. They are now residing in New Mexico where Mr. Smart is a prominent business man.

1901—Harry G. Frost is acting as principal of the High School at Monroe, Ohio.

1901—William E. Witter is in Los Angeles, California, where he is assisting in founding a Business College.

1903—Dr. William J. Hale, '97 has appointed W. H. Lightstone to fill the Park Davis Chemical Companies' Fellowship in Organic Chemistry for the remainder of the year.

The position was vacated by the sickness of the man who held the appointment and Mr. Lightstone has already begun work under Dr. Hale. The holder of this fellowship receives an annual salary of \$500 for which he is to devote all of his time to the furtherance of organic research. The work pursued may be either theoretical or technical in character and may be counted toward the Ph. D. degree. It is entirely under the direction of Dr. Hale. It was through the influence of Prof. Hughes that Mr. Lightstone was enabled to secure this appointment.

Society Notes.

President and Mrs. Benton, members of the Faculty, Seniors of Miami University, together with many out-of-town guests had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Bertha Kunz-Baker at the Western College on Saturday afternoon, February 6th. Great hospitality was shown the guests by the Faculty and Senior class of that institution. Mrs. Baker is a lady possessed of many charming personalities and the opportunity of meeting her was appreciated by the visitors. She rendered a very delightful program in the afternoon from Rostand, Kipling and Browning. Many were dinner guests and remained for the reading of the evening, which program was equally as entertaining as the previous one had been. By special request Mrs. Baker rendered "If I Were King," the delightful drama of Louis XI of France. Mrs. Baker is an honorary member of the Senior Class of Western College and her visit was much enjoyed by all who made her acquaintance.

On Monday evening, February 8th, Mr. Carl Gantvoort, basso cantante assisted by Miss Ethel Keeting, accompanist, rendered a very delightful program at Oxford College. The recital was a complete success in every respect. Rarely do we have the pleasure of hearing so talented a vocalist as Mr. Gantvoort. His voice is rich and musical, finely modulated and of wonderful compass. His hearers manifested their appreciation of each number by applauding him heartily and he quickly responded to many encores. Miss Keeting deserves much credit as a pianist. Many outside friends shared the pleasures of the evening.

The Valentine Party at Oxford College, Saturday evening, February 13th, was one of the most pleasant events of the year. The party was given in honor of the Senior Class and no efforts were spared by those under whose direction it was given to make it a complete success. The young ladies whose names were advertised and offered for sale were divided into three classes, viz; Widows, Heiresses and Celebrities. Each lady whose name appeared on the list was given a fictitious name not generally known by the purchaser. The sale began at 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, February 13th, and lasted till late in the evening. The guests were delightfully entertained during the entire evening, progressive conversation, valentine and fortune telling booths, and refreshments being special features.

Many students and citizens of Oxford had the pleasure of attending the song recital at the Western College on Thursday evening, February 4th. The concert was given by Miss Lida L. Haskell, mezzo contralto, and Mr. Richard Platt, pianist. Miss Haskell was a visitor at the Western College last year and her coming this year was anticipated with a great deal of pleasure. Mr. Platt is a talented musician and everyone felt an interest in this gifted young American who has every prospect

for a brilliant career in the musical world. The recital proved a success in every particular.

The recital at Oxford College on Monday evening, February 15th, by the Students in Music and Elocution was very interesting to those in attendance. The program was well chosen for the occasion, and each number was well rendered.

A number of Miami students and Kentucky friends of Oxford College attended the reception given there Monday, February 22nd. Mr. W. J. Day, of Owensboro, Ky., was the guest of honor.

At Oxford College, on Friday evening, February 26th, "The Power of Theosophy", a very interesting play, was given under the direction of Miss Emma L. Ostrander. The audience was composed of a large number of Miami students and Oxford citizens. All those who took part in the play acquitted themselves well and the production was well received.

Normal Notes.

The recent meeting of the Superintendents' Section of the National Educational Association held in Atlanta was quite a success and very well attended. Those who attended from Miami were Dr. Benton, Dean Minnich and Miss Logan; also Professor F. B. Dyer, of Cincinnati. There were several excellent and inspiring addresses by leading educators and very good reports of the meeting were brought back to us by the members of our faculty who were present.

On Friday, March 4th, Superintendent Bennett, of Piqua, delivered a very interesting address to the students of the Normal School, this being the third of the series of lectures by the superintendents of the leading towns in the state.

On March 11th, Superintendent McKinnon, of Bellefontaine, also addressed the Normal School. Both lectures were helpful and inspiring and highly appreciated by the School.

On March 12th, Mrs. Richard addressed the joint meeting of the Brown and Clermont Co. Teachers' Association at Batavia, Ohio. As usual Mrs. Richards talk was excellent and very inspiring to the teachers.

On March 12th, Dean Minnich addressed the meeting of the Butler County Teachers' Association in Hamilton.

The Spring term of the Normal School is to open March 29th, and the prospects are very good for a large attendance. Dean Minnich assures us that our number will be greatly increased at the opening of this term and we feel sure that we can promise a delightful term's work to any new students who may enter at this time.

We are delighted to note that several of our girls have received

teachers' certificates in different counties of the State during the past month, Miss Lydia Wilgus has obtained a two years' certificate in Green County. Miss Crauder has certificates in two counties, Montgomery and Preble, and Miss Hirst has a one year's certificate for Hamilton Co. We congratulate the girls and feel sure that they will make good and successful teachers. We expect many more of the girls to obtain certificates before long.

On Friday evening, February 12th, the members of the Pierian Literary Society met in the Nature Laboratory and after the regular literary meeting held an informal reception in the nature of a Valentine party. Several pretty and original love-tokens were received by the girls and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

On March 9th, Miss Logan addressed the Woman's Current Events Club in Hamilton.

The Sophomore Normal Class has been studying Rousseau's Emile.

Locals.

Move! if you haint sick—Steamboat.

You can't set me back none.

Student in M. U. Literary Society—
"They can't be learnt nothing." Critic—
"No criticisms, Mr. President."

Turner ex-'08 visited during February.

Seniors attended the banquet at Hamilton March 12th

Starlin '02 is with us, taking physical culture under Prof. Stone.

Frenchy had a hair cut—Took cold same day.

Baseball team practiced March 1st.

Capt. Stone says there is only one nail in the gym floor.

The voice of the debater is heard in the lower campus.

A new assistant in Econ. and Soc.

Kinsey is a dipsoniac.

Isaac Erwin, of Brown County, visited his sister over Sunday, February 28th.

The society men of Miami entertained the O. S. U. basket ball players Sunday morning while they were waiting for a

train that was six hours late. Coffee and sandwiches were served from the "Junction House."

Dr. Myers' chorus will render Wagner's "Parsifal" after the spring term begins.

On account of the typhoid epidemic in Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. delegates did not partake of water while there. We learn that Hosters x x x was the favorite.

First Co-ed—My ideal of a man, is one who smokes a cigar, *c. g.* Mr. Prugh. Second Co-ed.—I am sorry our conceptions of a *man* do not agree. My ideal does not smoke at all, *c. g.* Mr. Haines.

Smith sprouts horns in English III.

Happy Hooligan—Britton.

Gloomy Gus—Hamsher.

Montmorency—Binkley.

Ma Katzenjammers—Miss Moon.

Sunny Jim—Stout.

Morphy says "I'll call 'em."

Meek has returned, after a week of the grip.

Monday afternoon, February 29th, West did not sleep.

Gaines—If Dr. Culler teaches physics, why don't he teach metaphysics?

"Buddy" has joined the secret service corps.

For a model of physical strength, see Commodore with his (?) big coat and sweater on.

Mr. Lantis to Mr. Silver, as one of the good-looking college girls passes the

postoffice. "There is the best looking girl in Oxford college. Gaz:—You know, that's my girl."

Miss Root leads in the "MIAMI STUDENT Popularity Contest" with Fudge Fye a close second.

Dr. Hayes is taking P. G. work under Greise and Altimer.

Exchanges.

The faculty of Illinois Wesleyan have ed an edict prohibiting theater going dancing and card playing. Fraternities and class organizations are warned that a violation of this will result in a revocation of their charters.

—*Purdue Exponent.*

Prof.—Can you tell me what the Goddess of Io died of?

Student.—I am not sure, but think Iodide of Potassium. —*Ex.*

Last night I held a little hand
So dainty and so neat.

I thought my heart would surely break
So wildly did it beat.

No other hand unto my soul
Can greater solace bring
Than that one which I held last night—
Four aces and a king.

—*Notre D. Scholastic.*

Every exchange editor is an imitator of the devil says The Courant because when he sees a good thing he very carefully cuts it out. If The Courant is right either THE STUDENT has no exchange editor or—well, let's drop the matter.

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Soph.—"Then it's cracked."

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Puer et puella
Ambulant together
Sub magna umbrella
Vocant de the weather.

Very slippery via
Pedes slide from under,

Cadit ad the ground
Triste, triste blunder.

Caput hits the terra
Vidit multa Stella
Adolescens hastens
Ad his dear puella.

Puer et puella,
Ambulant together
Indeed they vocant non
Not even de the weather.

—Ex.

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E. L. Taylor, Esq. Columbus, Ohio;

My Dear Ed. —

In your recent kind note concerning some of my illustrated camping sketches, you spoke so feelingly of college recollections that I am led to send you the following, though it refers to nothing more profound than

THE ROLLS ANN REAGAN MADE.

- 1 Of all MIAMI's memories
That linger through the years,
And in retrospective moments
Almost bring regretful tears,
There are none more enduring
Of that dear old classic shade
Than the rolls, so feathery white and light,
The rolls Ann Reagan made!
- 2 O'er the high old stile was just across
Where our footsteps tripped
(Loved Davy Swing just walked across.
And dear old Stoddy — skipped!)
From where we gathered, day by day,
At table neatly laid,
And there enjoyed so heartily
The rolls Ann Reagan made!
- 3 The dear old shabby buildings
Were venerable, *then*;
As were the dog-eared lecture-sheets
Revered by older men.
Pap Ringwood's row of broken chairs,
The ball-ground where we played,
And used the muscles fostered by
The rolls Ann Reagan made!
- 4 The legislative halls above,
Where freshmen in were run,
To swell the vote on either side
To elect some chesty son!
The "Western" long processions
Whose glances we essayed
Like *Not even these inspire us now*
Like the rolls Ann Reagan made!
- 5 For many, many happy years
My home has been quite blessed
Sweet peace, and cleanly order
Make it a place of rest.
Supposed to rule, as Head of House,
Of nothing I'm afraid
Yet, here I dare not tell about
The rolls Ann Reagan made!

Frank Stuart Brooks, '69,
Columbus, Ohio,
March 11, 1904

[The above poem will be of interest to those who were at Miami in the '60's, or thereabouts. For those who were not here then the following facts may not be amiss, for which, as likewise for the poem, we are indebted to Dr. McFarland: The author was of the class of '60 and Mr. Taylor to whom the poem was originally written graduated in the class of '60. Ann Reagan practiced her art at a boarding house kept by a Mrs. Hughes, on the corner where Dr. McSurely now has his residence. It was considered the best boarding place in the village and accommodated only a select few. Among these was "Davy Swing," Rev. David Swing of the class of '33 and principal of the Preparatory Department until 1896; and "Stoddy," Prof. Stoddard of the Natural Philosophy Department for a number of years. His were the "dog-eared lecture sheets" made so by being read to each of many successive classes. The campus was then enclosed by a board fence, hence the stile over which Prof. Stoddard "skipped"—Ed.]

Mathematical Instruction.

It involves the usual secondary instruction followed by Normal and College Mathematics. The Sophomore year is given to Analytics and Calculus, the latter study covering a year. The Junior year is completed by a culture course in Astronomy, alternating with a course in Civil Engineering.

Students while in College should learn facility in certain processes—computation, mensuration, the use of tables in general and of logarithms, of squared paper in making graphs, the use of mathematical and engineering instruments, the nature of the number system, of incommensurables and of continuity. There should be a good knowledge of the equation, of series, and of algebraic analysis in general, with corresponding knowledge of geometric methods; and one should be able to use the knowledge acquired. A Miami alumnus who is a law student has spoken of his work in Engineering having proved one of the most useful things in the curriculum, because an important part of the work of the law student is to examine titles, and this required a knowledge of the description and location of the land as well as of the proper line of ownership.

Much attention is now being given to the development of laboratory mathematics, stimulated by the Perry movement in England, and by the advocacy of improved methods of teaching, the organ for secondary instruction being "School Mathematics" published in Chicago. Professor Moore of Chicago University holds as Perry's most important suggestion, that by emphasizing steadily the practical sides of mathematics, arithmetical computation, mechanical drawing and graphics, generally in relation with physics, chemistry and engineering, very young students may get a great body of essential notions of trigonometry, analytic geometry and Calculus.

The idea of a mathematical laboratory is best carried out in connection with a room such as used for mechanical drawing. Equipped with desks, drawing instruments, with some portions of physical and engineering equipment, with tables and logarithms, and library reference facilities, and two-hour periods.

Some of the characteristics of the laboratory method are—correlation of studies whereby the barriers between arithmetic, algebra, geometry, physics, etc., are broken down, and each is employed to illuminate the other, together forming a harmonious and continuous whole; the abundant use of the graph to represent all kinds of scientific and mathe-

mathematical data; increase of the interest element and association with others in work.

Prof. G. B. Hulsted, of Kenyon College, who has long been interested in Non-Euclidean geometry, and who has a forthcoming work on that subject, would have us substitute that conception of space for the common or Euclidean notion, claiming that we would largely eliminate the difficulties pertaining to continuity and incommensurables, inherent in the common notion.

The desire for coöperation and association has reached the mathematical world, so that besides an American Mathematical Society, we now have an association in New England and the Middle States, a Central association, beside state associations forming in Ohio, Kansas and elsewhere. Two Ohio associations have formed this spring, one meeting in Northeastern Ohio, and a State association formed at Columbus on April second, the latter including science teachers. The object is to promote the teaching of mathematics and science. Besides organization, papers were read at Columbus on College Entrance requirements and on laboratory mathematics, the latter leading to considerable discussion. Nearly one hundred were in attendance, and it is believed that the colleges will feel the benefit of the organization's influence.

Local club work should prove useful in fixing and enlarging our ideas, and in giving us fuller and wider information in things mathematical. The need of skill in discussion and in treatment of problems and subjects became more evident.

E. P. THOMPSON.

Phil Wood's Test.

Nestled among the foothills of southern Vermont was the quiet little town of Glenwood, and not many years ago Robert Wood found himself an orphan and heir to the richest farm in that vicinity.

To many this seemed a most unfortunate inheritance. Each year the heavy spring rains had come rushing down from the mountains in torrents, and cutting great gullies along its side hills and gorging themselves with its meager fertility, had plunged madly on to deposit their ill-gotten gain along the little valley below. Year after year this had been repeated until now there seemed to be nothing left save the uncovered rocks that bid fair to resist the plough as faithfully as they had resisted the turbulent onslaughts of Nature.

The only level spot on the little farm was occupied by the house with its small windows and circular porch from which one would eagerly shift his eyes from rocks and gullies to the distant mountain range that

seemed to shut it out absolutely from the rest of the world. So inviting was this change of scene that one's eyes would linger along the rising slopes until the shifting clouds would cut off the view, but through which one could catch occasional glimpses of the snow-capped peaks that seemed to plunge into the ethereal blue far beyond.

Such were the circumstances that surrounded Robert Wood and his noble Christain wife when they took possession of their newly acquired heritage.

Few people would have looked cheerful under such circumstances but to them this little farm seemed a veritable paradise. They seemed to breathe inspiration from the purity of the mountain air; and each day's record was a simple story of duty done cheerfully.

Robert Wood was not an educated man even in the meager sense of the word. His father and mother had given him the advantage of the best that was afforded but when he found himself the sole heir to the little Vermont farm he was the recipient of no other bequest save the sterling qualities of Christain character, which had been the worthy pride of ancestors. His wife had shared a similar fate in this respect so now it became the cherished ambition of their lives that their son should have that of which they had been necessarily deprived. He must go to college.

Phil Wood was an only child. He was an awkward, raw-boned, overgrown lad of seventeen years, with feet and hands abnormally developed but with a heart and purpose in proportion to his pedal extremities. From childhood he had been a willing pupil in the school of hard toil, giving his spare moments to reading the few books that he was able to borrow from his neighbors. As he read the story of Daniel Webster and of his struggle for success his heart was filled with a longing to be something like him—to some day stand before a great audience and so win their feelings by his oratory that when he sat down they would burst into rounds of applause. With such high hopes in his heart we may imagine how gladly he received the proposition which his father offered to him one morning just as they finished breakfast.

"Mother and I have thought over this for years," said his father, "and we have toiled long and hard that you may enjoy the privileges of a thorough education. Our income is small but we have saved quite a little and that, together with what you may be able to earn during the summer, will pay your expenses for at least two years. Of course we hate to see you go but we believe that you will make good use of your opportunity, and that you will not betray the honor of the name which you bear."

Phil's eyes dazzled as he replied: "I'll be mighty glad to go, I tell you and as for my going wrong, don't let that trouble you. I'm a man now, you know!"

"So you are Phil," said his father, rising from the table, "and we are proud of you. But if you are to go this fall we must make the best use of the few weeks left. There are so many little things I want you to help us do for we'll miss you when you are gone."

So it was settled that Phil should go to Dover College the coming September. The days passed quickly by and each morning found Phil up bright and early and the sun would sink behind the distant mountains long before he and his father would cease their labors at night.

Mrs. Wood was busy preparing the scanty wardrobe of home-made clothes and, although they were not of the prevailing styles, they were as clean and neat as a loving mother could make them. Her heart was heavy but she did not allow her face to betray her feelings and as the day for Phil's departure drew nearer, she seemed to rejoice in his going.

At last the morning when Phil was to take the train at the neighboring station arrived. 'Twas an ideal day in early autumn. The dusty roads seemed to be asleep under the quiet September skies; "Bob White" whistled merrily across the hills from his hiding-place in the orchard; and the first tints of gold and crimson on the topmost boughs of the trees warned the busy robins that soon they must seek more sunny climes.

For Phil Wood and his parents the scene had temporarily lost its charms. The little open-top wagon was at the door and Phil's trunk, a capacious and roomy old carpet bag, had been put in. His father had taken his place on the seat and squirmed around uneasily in



his anxiety to be off, but hesitated to separate the two who lingered on the threshold of the little cottage.

Presently Phil turned to go and as his mother pressed a lingering kiss on his lips she whispered in his ear these parting words: "Remember you are a man Phil, and as long as you are a man be ashamed to do wrong."

Phil climbed up beside his father, and "Old Nellie," seeming to just realize the importance of the occasion, started off at a brisk trot. Soon the horse and wagon sank slowly behind the hill; the sunny road stretched on before and all the world seemed empty and still.

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Charley Thomas and Al Thorne were acknowledged leaders in the various phases of life at Dover college and one afternoon they lounged in the library and talked. "Say," said Charley, "Some of these new students are great, aren't they? You can just see the moss growing all over them and they don't know enough to get in out of the rain. Phil Wood from Poverty Peak, for instance. Do you know him?"

"I've met him," said Al quietly.

"Well, he came over here with a knap-sack and coal-oil stove and I guess he don't like the board at the "Inn" so he is going to cook his own meals. His father sent him some corn-meal and molasses and that's what he lives on."

As Charley Thomas finished his sarcastic remarks the library door opened and Phil Wood entered. Dressed in a suit of "lindsey woolsey," the trousers of which scarcely reached the top of his hob-nailed shoes, with patches of conspicuous size and neatness on each knee, he could hardly be looked upon as an object of admiration. But his face wore a determined look and his eye had a gleam that foretold the victory that was to be won over the scorn and ridicule of his companions.

Phil was a regular attendant at classes and also at the mid-week prayer meeting but shunned the class "rushes" and midnight "raids" which marked the opening of the college year. His refusal to take part in the "cane rush" between the Freshmen and Sophomores was greeted with the most scornful jeers and taunts. "Mamma's little baby boy!"—"Tied to his mother's apron strings!" and similar remarks reached his ears from all sides and Phil could scarcely refrain from giving some one a sound beating, or be thoroughly whipped in the attempt. His popularity increased very slowly and at times Phil became so discouraged that he longed to be back on the little farm. But that would mean the defeat of his fondest hope and no *man* would yield to such a defeat.

Charley Thomas never lost an opportunity to make sport of Phil. He was captain of the foot-ball team and when one of the boys suggested Phil Wood as a promising candidate for the team he only laughed. But

Phil was fascinated with the dash of the game, each evening finding him anxious to enter the fray and, to an impartial observer, it was evident that he would some day be a brilliant player.

But game after game was played and thus far the Dover team had been worsted.

Many of the students now urged Captain Thomas to give Phil a trial but when the names of those who were to play in the last game of the season against the St. John's College team were posted on the bulletin board, his name was not there.

Around this contest centered the interest and enthusiasm of the whole college year. Every one for miles around knew that the two schools were bitter rivals in every field, but for years it had been the custom to settle the question of supremacy on the gridiron.

The annual game between these rival teams was a gala occasion. Not only every student in both colleges, but hundreds of people from the surrounding country were on hand to cheer their respective champions, and the night after the contest a royal banquet was always spread for the victors by their loyal supporters.

Those who were familiar with the records knew that much depended on the result of this year's game. The year before the Dover boys had suffered a crushing defeat and now it was "up to them" to win back the lost laurels or sacrifice the prestige of their college.

The long-looked for day dawned clear and cold, an ideal day for foot-ball. The flag floated from the tower of the main building and, just beneath it a long "Dover" pennant threw itself out on the breeze as if defying defeat. At noon the St. John's team arrived accompanied by every student and resident of that little town, and by the time the two teams lined up for the game every seat in the long line of stands was taken and many were forced to stand and shiver along the side lines.

Phil Wood was on the field in uniform; he well knew that Charley Thomas was responsible for his being a substitute instead of a regular. Each team had three substitutes in reserve and Phil felt that there was little hope of him getting into the game. As he paced back and forth along the white boundary line of the arena like a caged animal his heart burned with a desire for revenge.

But the game was on and during the first half the St. John's team worked like a machine. Slowly they pushed their way down the field by terrific line plunges and, by the aid of some trick plays, well executed, they carried the ball over for a touch-down. Hudson, their star quarter-back, failed to kick goal but the fact that the score stood 5 to 0 in their favor was the signal for cheer after cheer from the St. John's contingent.

The St. John's team now played with more fierceness than ever and

when time was called for the first half two of Dover's men were unable to walk from the field.

Phil felt that his last hope was gone as the second half started with him nothing more than a spectator.

Dover's supporters now came to the rescue and so lustily did they cheer their champions that for a time the yells of their confident opponents were scarcely audible. Spurred on by this loyal outburst of enthusiasm and strengthened by the addition of two fresh men, the Dover half-backs were beginning to find the weak spots in their opponent's line. First a gain of ten yards, then another of five and then a fumble. It was St. John's ball and for a while it seemed that Dover must lose the ground she had just won so gallantly. But so firmly did her line hold that she soon recovered the ball on downs and in a moment Charley Thomas had circled the end for a splendid gain.

As the players slowly sorted themselves out after the next scrimmage Al Thorne failed to rise and just as the hopes of Dover were rising she was deprived of the services of her best tackle.

After a moment's consultation with his men, Captain Thomas motioned for Phil who had already discarded his heavy overcoat and sweater. Only eight minutes to play and a new man at the tackle seemed to be a hopeless handicap.

The St. John's players, refreshed by the short rest and encouraged by their opponent's loss, began again with almost irresistible onslaughts. Plunge after plunge was directed against the new tackle in the hope of breaking through the line of defense. But Dover's line was firmer than ever. Phil Wood was more than a match for his opponent and time and again he tore a great gap in the opposing line through which some comrade plunged for a good gain. Down the field they went until they seemed to be under the goal itself. St. John's men were desperate in their attempt to prevent a score and twice in succession Dover was held without gaining an inch of the coveted distance.

As the teams lined up once more everybody seemed to realize that the crucial moment had come. Phil Wood realized the importance of his position and now was his opportunity to be avenged on his tormentor. He knew that Charley Thomas would carry the ball in the last struggle and for him to fail to win in that coveted yard would be to lose the game for Dover and to sacrifice the hope that now burned in many a loyal heart. Phil knew that all he would have to do would be to allow his opponent to break through the line and then all hope of a score would be gone. All this flashed through his mind in a second and then, as his eye chanced to see the "Dover" pennant still floating on the breeze, he remembered his mother's parting words. He was a *man* and that would be wrong!

"85—22—16—" — but before the signal was finished Phil Wood had crossed the line and Charley Thomas had tied the score.

The applause was deafening but the St. John's team still hoped to suffer nothing worse than a tie game and in that hope they seemed to be safe. As Captain Thomas tried to rise he fell back on the ground, the victim of a sprained ankle.

On the very eve of victory a tie now seemed inevitable. With Captain Thomas out of the game there was no one left who was reasonably



sure of kicking goal. Phil Wood volunteered to make the attempt and the others were eager to shift the responsibility. With only a moment left the quarter-back carefully poised the ball as Phil directed. As he swung his ponderous foot and the oval bisected the goal posts, the death-like stillness was broken by cheers from a thousand waiting throats.

Dover had won and as Charley Thomas and Phil Wood were carried across the field on the shoulders of their comrades they knew that they were friends.

The banquet was a most sumptuous feast and never did a happier group gather round a festal board than that which yelled for Dover that night. At

10 o'clock the table was cleared

and the champagne and cigars were being distributed.

Phil quietly turned his glasses down and before anyone had tasted the wine he rose to his feet. All eyes were fastened on him as he spoke.

"Today I feel that I have won a more important victory than that which we are celebrating here. As you know, I have had to bear the sneers and taunts of your leaders unjustly and today the opportunity for revenge seemed at hand. For a moment I almost yielded, but the parting words of the best mother in the world saved me from dishonor. For that same mother I refuse to stain my lips with the wine-cup."

If a thunderstorm had burst upon the group the effect could not have been more sudden. For a moment all was still and then at the other end of the table Charley Thomas rose painfully to his feet.

"Fellows," said he, "I am here tonight to make an apology. You all know how unjustly I have treated our comrade and I assure you I am heartily ashamed of it. Tonight we honor him as the hero of the day and as a young man of whom our college is justly proud. The young man who is not afraid to stick to his mother shall not stand alone. I move we that drink a toast of clear water to the health of Phil Wood and his mother."

As glass touched glass, whatever ill-feeling still lingered in any heart was dispelled and that night there was cemented a love and respect for each other that still survived long after college days were over.

Phil's career after that was easy and two years later when he sat down after delivering the valedictory for his class, the prolonged applause that greeted him marked him as the worthy pride of Dover College. When the applause had ceased President Clark arose, holding in his hand a little wreath of olive leaves. "Before closing our exercises today," he said, "it is my pleasure and privilege, in behalf of the students of Dover College, to present to Mr. Philip Wood this little wreath of olive leaves as a slight token of their honor and respect for him as a student and as a man."

Amid the cheers that followed, Phil stepped quietly down from the platform and placed the wreath in the lap of a little woman who was seated in the front row, and then she knew that her boy had remembered.

STANLEY M. ROWLAND—'97—'04.



Cincinnati-Miami Debate Declared Off.

It is with regret that we report the fact that the debate between Miami and the University of Cincinnati has been declared off because of misunderstanding with reference to the existence of an agreement to hold an annual debating contest between the two institutions.

Early in the preliminary correspondence this year the University of

Cincinnati indicated that while they were ready to prepare for a contest this spring, they would probably decline to continue the series of contests further. In reply Miami called attention to the agreement that was entered into last year to hold an annual debate.

The University of Cincinnati repeated the expression of their disinclination to recognize the existence of such an agreement; while further consultation among ourselves here, emphasized in our minds the importance of adhering to the original plan of holding a series of annual contests. Accordingly Miami wrote to the University of Cincinnati substantially as follows: That we had this year declined to form debating engagements with two other institutions; that we had on hand another important intercollegiate contest of similar character; that at some disadvantage to ourselves we had opened correspondence with reference to a debate with the University of Cincinnati to be held this spring, doing so not in the form of a challenge but solely in fulfillment of our engagement with them to maintain a series of annual debates. And that as we had begun preparations for a debate with the University of Cincinnati because of that understanding, our continuance of such preparations would be conditioned on the maintenance of the understanding.

The overtures for the establishment of an agreement to hold annual debating contests between the University of Cincinnati and Miami were made last year by the University of Cincinnati. In the preliminary conferences Miami was represented by a member of the faculty and a student. Both of these men testify that the representatives of the University of Cincinnati proposed and advocated the institution of an annual debate between the two universities.

The official correspondence on the subject was opened by a letter from Prof. Miller of the University of Cincinnati to Dean Hepburn of Miami. In this letter Prof. Miller expressed the hope that we should inaugurate a series of annual debates.

Upon receiving a favorable reply Prof. Miller drew up the following agreement which introduced a series of clauses relating to the time, place, number of speakers and other details: "The following rules and agreements are hereby accepted by the faculty and students of Miami University and by the faculty and students of the University of Cincinnati as those which are to govern the first annual debating contest between the representatives of the two institutions." This agreement bears the signatures of Prof. Miller and of three of the students of the University of Cincinnati. After due deliberation and further correspondence with Prof. Miller the same form of agreement was signed by the representatives of the faculty and student body of Miami.

THE STUDENT possesses one of the posters that were prepared and used for advertising purposes by those who represented the University of

Cincinnati in making arrangements for last year's debate. The heading of this poster is "First Annual Debate between Miami and Cincinnati Universities."

We have also preserved a copy of the Cincinnati "University Weekly News" for May 26, 1903. The first and most prominent article in this paper is a report of last year's debate between their institution and ours, and the heading of this article is "Miami carries off the honors from U. C. in the first annual debate." The leading editorial in the same issue calls the debate which had just been held with Miami "The First Annual Debate" with that University; and fifteen lines further down adds "We have suffered defeat and our unanimous determination now is that that defeat must and shall be wiped out with sure and decisive victory next year and the years to come."

The official communication from the University of Cincinnati, which terminated preparations for the debate which we had hoped to hold with that institution next May, read as follows: "Your letter of March 10, leaves no doubt that further correspondence is useless. The misunderstanding is evidently complete. We know of no such agreement as you declare exists, having been entered into at any time. Prof. Miller is quite as positive on this point as you are of the contrary in your letter."

E. C. H.





DARREL JOYCE
CLASS OF 1903.

Darrel Joyce.

There are few young men in the country who have secured such recognition as has been given to Mr. Darrel Joyce, of the class of 1903. He won second honors in his class and was on the sixth of last August unanimously elected Superintendent of the Hamilton City Schools to succeed the late Superintendent Rose. Superintendent Joyce has a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars to begin with and is elected for two years.

Prior to coming to Miami University, he was principal of the schools at Venice, Ohio. During the three years of his college course, his stalwart manhood, dignified bearing and rare qualities as a scholar commended him to the respect of all his teachers and associates. He not only led his classes as a student but excelled as well in athletics in his student life at Miami. He had associated with him in his studies, his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Joyce graduated at the same time. She also, was distinguished as a thorough and successful student.

Three months prior to his graduation, Mr. Joyce was elected Principal of the Columbian School at Hamilton, and finished the last few weeks of his college course while at the same time performing the duties of the new position to which he had been elected.

It is an unusual compliment to one of his years to be chosen to so important a position as the superintendency of the Hamilton Schools. With a population of thirty thousand people to serve and a corps of more than a hundred teachers, Mr. Joyce has no light responsibility laid upon him. The fact, however, that he was the unanimous choice of the Board of Education, on the first ballot, out of fifty candidates indicates the confidence that the people of Hamilton have in him.

Nearly six months of efficient service in his new position have been a severe test upon his abilities and no higher compliment can be paid him than to say that Board, teachers, citizens, and students are a unit in the statement that he is one of the most capable and efficient executives the City Schools of Hamilton have ever had at their head. His six years' successful experience prior to this time and his unusually brilliant career as a college man give promise of a prosperous administration and Superintendent Joyce has already taken high rank in the educational councils of the State.

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Editorials.

Our local editor is still enjoying the peace and quiet of Spring Vacation. As some one has suggested, perhaps we shall all be happier in consequence.

We take this opportunity of reminding our readers that the regular STUDENT election occurs the first Monday in May, which this year will be May second. At this election the editor-in-chief and assistant business manager for next year will be chosen. All students in the College of Liberal Arts and the Senior Normal College are entitled to vote.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a statement of
The Cincinnati the position of Miami in regard to the Cincinnati
Debate debate, and her attitude throughout the whole con-
troversy. We call attention to this article because it is a true statement
of the affair coming from a responsible party to the whole of the trans-
actions, both this year and last. The statement vindicates Miami's con-
duct, and proves unquestionably that she has only acted honorably in
what she recognized to be her best interests.

The Annual Indoor Athletic Meet, held just before
The Spring Vacation was by far the tamest and most discour-
Indoor aging athletic event, indoor or out, that has been im-
Meet posed upon us in the past four years. The program
was too long, the events went off slowly and were tedious, consequently
enthusiasm was low, and the spectators, the majority of them, left before
the events were all run off.

The great trouble at the bottom of the affair was that the men were
simply handicapped to death. These handicaps were arbitrarily placed

without so much as the courtesy of consulting the track captain; a contestant had to accept them or not enter the events. After the first few events had come off, those against whom handicaps were heaviest saw the futility of their efforts and withdrew. Hence the contest, in the main was among second class or untried men.

It is questionable whether a handicap is ever justifiable; we acknowledge that it is of value as an inducement to enable the beginner to make a fair *showing*, never to enable him to win from a better man. First place won by a handicap is not winning the event, by any means.

What was expected to make this Meet one of the most hotly contested ever given was the Silver Trophy Cup, offered as a prize to the field champion. By the foregoing we do not wish to disparage the winning or the winner of this cup. We are speaking only out of justice to those first class athletes who should have been allowed a chance at least to win the trophy. To one who has observed the course of athletics at Miami in the past four years, it is not necessary to mention who the first class athletes may be. But to those, as we have said, who have observed athletics here, it is well known that we have at least one first class man in every department of college athletic work. Since he entered the university in the fall of 1900, there has not been a contest, inter-collegiate or inter-class, be it football, baseball, basket ball, track or indoor work, with the exception of a single basket ball game, in which this individual has not done more than one man's work. We do not exaggerate when we say that he has done more than any other man, past or present, for the cause of athletics at Miami. Four years of service, with never a shirk, never showing a white feather, this man graduates next June, without ever having received from the University so much as a medal or trophy of any sort, not even a piece of ribbon, nor to my knowledge, not even official recognition from those in control of athletics.

All these things are not said as the result of any personal disappointment at the outcome of the Meet, however great that disappointment may have been; they existed before. The Indoor Meet only served to call attention to the injustice, to emphasize once more the fact that usually, virtue must be its own reward. But when the maintenance of this virtue has necessitated four years of hard work, four years of sacrifice of many luxuries of college life, the reward seems inadequate.

As we said in the beginning we do not wish to disparage the winner of this Indoor Championship. He is undoubtedly one of the coming athletes of the school, a hard worker, a conscientious trainer, and has the stamina necessary to athletic success; but we do wish to disparage and condemn the management that by merciless handicaps prevented the championship from going where it so richly deserved to go, and where public opinion rightly places it.

University Notes.

Our Spring Vacation was earlier than the regular Easter Vacation this year. School closed March eighteenth and re-opened March twenty-ninth. We begin the Spring Term with an enrollment of 293.

Dr. E. C. Hayes led the Thursday evening meeting of March thirty-first. He gave an inspiring talk on "Redeem the Time." It is always a treat to hear Dr. Hayes. He impressed upon us in a stimulating way that life's capital is hours and minutes.

During the Spring Vacation Dr. A. W. James attended the Annual Banquet of Graduates of German Universities which was held in New York City. He also attended the meeting of the Wyoming Conference at Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania.

In the December, 1903, number of the "Ohio Educational Monthly" is an article on "Rolling a Barrel Down a Plank Into the Cellar," by Dr. J. A. Culler. He also has an article entitled "To Measure the Height of the Ceiling by Use of the Pendulum" in the March, 1904, number of this magazine.

The third and fourth of the series of articles on "Modern Methods in Modern Language Teaching," by Dr. A. W. James, are in the March third and March twenty-fourth numbers, respectively of the "Journal of Education."

Dr. Pauline Root of Boston addressed the devotional meeting on Tuesday, March first. This meeting took the place of the regular Thursday evening meeting. Dr. Root has been for several years a missionary in India, and she is now engaged in the Student Volunteer Movement in Colleges.

Darrel Joyce, '03, superintendent of the Hamilton Public Schools, was here to witness the Seniors defeat the Faculty at Basket Ball on Tuesday evening, March fifteenth. Joyce helped administer the defeat last year.

In the February number of the "Ohio Educational Monthly" is an interesting article by Professor G. W. Hoke, Department of Natural History in the Normal College. The subject is, "The Center of Interest in Nature Study." After an appropriate introduction he develops the following thoughts: (1) The center of interest should be primarily in the thing itself; (2) Relative human value should determine the choice of the things which are to become the center of interest; (3) The center of interest should be in living things; (4) The center of interest should be in individual things; (5) Some definite and restricted field should be chosen as the center of interest.

In the January, 1904, number of "Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly" is an article entitled "Simon Kenton," by Dr. Robert W. McFarland. It is an intensely interesting account of the life of Kenton,

"the scout who did probably more than any one else, not excepting Boone himself, to save the settlers from the tomahawk and scalping knife of the Indian". Dr. McFarland, in his youth, personally knew Simon Kenton who lived during the latter part of his life near Zansfield, Logan County, Ohio. Dr. McFarland recieved some of his information from Thomas Kenton, a nephew of Simon Kenton. He also examined the various sketches of Kenton's life which are in the Ohio State Library. The article is written with a great regard for truth which is characteristic of the writings of a mathematician and astronomer.

Dr. S. S. Myers is making arrangements to organize a girls' chorus in the near future. We are certain that this will succeed in adding creditable reputation to the Department of Music.

President Benton a St. Patrick's Day Orator.

Governor Myron T. Herrick, President Guy Potter Benton, Colonel A. R. Berry, and the Rev. Charles Frederic Goss were among the the speakers on Thursday night, March seventeenth, at the St. Patrick's Day Banquet of the United Irish Societies of Cincinnati. The dinner was given in the Burnet House, and it was a grand affair. The "Cincinnati Enquirer" of March eighteenth, says:

"The address of Prof. Guy Potter Benton, president of Miami University, was a model of eloquence and beauty. He discussed Irish patriotism with a force, fervor and logic which all agreed had never been given the subject before at a Friendly Sons' banquet. He aroused the listeners to a high pitch of enthusiasm and was cheered again and again."

Mathematical Club.

The Mathematical Club held its third meeting on Friday evening, March eleventh, at four o'clock. The meeting was held in Room 20, Main Building, and was presided over by Professor O. B. Finch.

The first number on the program was a talk on "Methods of Solving Equations," by Professor Finch. He dealt only with equations of the second degree. He discussed and illustrated the following seven methods of solving them: (1) The Regular Method or Completing the Square; (2) The Hindu Method; (3) The Special Method; (4) The Formula Method; (5) The Method by Factoring; (6) Vieta's Method; (7) Grunert's Method. He showed the advantages and disadvantages of each method. His discussion was interesting and instructive.

The second number was a review of Simon Newcomb's "The Reminiscences of an Astronomer," by G. C. Fisher, '05, who is a mem-

ber of the first class in Calculus. He gave a brief outline of this interesting autobiography.

The third number was a discussion of "The Theory of Numbers," by Professor E. P. Thompson. He discussed "Eratosthenes' Sieve," Congruence of Numbers, The Perfect Number, etc. The talk was very interesting, but the lateness of the hour prevented his finishing it at this meeting.

The next meeting will be held at four o'clock, Friday evening, April twenty-ninth. At this meeting Professor T. L. Feeney will give a talk upon "The Value of Arithmetic and its Place in the Schools."

The following magazines come regularly to the University Library, and are for the use of those who are interested. For the general reader there is a new magazine entitled "School Mathematics." "Popular Astronomy" is especially for the use of the astronomy class, and "The Draftsman" for the class in mechanical drawing. "The Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society" contains notices, reviews of new books, etc.

It will be of interest to those interested in mathematics and physics to know that an Association of Ohio Teachers of Mathematics and Science has recently been formed. The organization meeting was held at the Ohio State University, in Townshend Hall, Saturday, April 2, 1904. Charles S. Howe, president of The Case School of Applied Science was elected president, and Thomas E. McKinney, professor of mathematics at Marietta College was elected secretary of the Association. Three persons of Oxford have already joined the Association, viz: Prof. E. P. Thompson and Dean T. L. Feeney of Miami, and Miss Glazier, professor of Mathematics at the Western College. Professor E. P. Thompson attended this first meeting and was on the program.

Dr. J. A. Culler as an Author.

There is an excellent editorial in the February number of the "Ohio Educational Monthly" concerning the work of Dr. J. A. Culler. There is also an excellent cut of Dr. Culler accompanying the editorial. The great appreciation, which has been expressed by so many people, regarding the contributions of Dr. Culler is commented upon.

His Twelve Monographs on Supplementary Reading in Physics are well known. They are praised for their clearness and their interesting manner of treatment. Following is a list of the subjects of the Monographs: The Air, Energy—A Constant Quantity, The Molecule, Weight, Inertia, Curvilinear Motion, Machines, Kindling Point, Hot Ice, A Bent Ray of Light, A Stroke of Lightning, Limits to Seeing and Hearing.

Doctor Culler is now engaged in preparing a series of new Physiologies for the J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia. The primary book

is completed, the advanced book is well under way, and the author expects to have it completed before August 1, 1904.

Dr. S. R. Williams at Cold Spring Harbor.

During this coming summer Dr. S. R. Williams will be at the Marine Biological Laboratory of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences located at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. The Carnegie Institution has recently established a station for experimental evolution on the grounds adjoining those of the Biological Laboratory. At this station a staff of investigators will work throughout the year making experimental investigations in biology, including the breeding of animals and plants. Both the Carnegie Station and the Biological Laboratory are under the direction of Dr. Charles B. Davenport, of the University of Chicago. Dr. Davenport has been Professor of Zoölogy at the University of Chicago until his recent appointment as Director of the Carnegie Institution Station. It was he who wrote the articles on and pertaining to zoölogy in the New International Encyclopedia. Dr. Williams will be Associate Professor of Zoölogy with Dr. Davenport at the Cold Spring Harbor Biological Laboratory this summer.

New Books in the Library.

The following books have recently been added to the University Library:

Charles H. Judd's "Genetic Psychology for Teachers," five copies; Graham Balfour's "Educational System of Great Britain and Ireland," three copies; H. Williams' "Mechanical Refrigeration"; A. W. Ward's "Cambridge Modern History, Vol. 2, Reformation"; D. G. Hogarth's "The Nearer East"; D. B. Eaton's "The Government of Municipalities"; "The Election Laws of Ohio and of United States"; Owen Meredith's "Lucile"; E. Warming's "Lehrbuch der ökologischen pflanzen-geographie"; A. F. W. Schimper's "Pflanzen-geographie"; B. P. Poore's "Descriptive Catalog of Government Documents"; F. Cajori's "History of Elementary Mathematics"; "Mark Anniversary Volume"; J. F. Herbart's "Outlines of Educational Doctrine," five copies; B. A. W. Russell's "Foundations of Geometry"; W. T. Campbell's "Observational Geometry"; G. Autenrieth's "Homeric Dictionary"; A. S. Hill's "Our English"; B. G. Benedict's "English Punctuation"; A. R. Hornbrook's "Concrete Geometry"; A. S. Hill's "Principles of Rhetoric"; David Philipson's "Jew in English Fiction"; G. R. Carpenter's "Teaching of English"; P. Chubb "Teaching of English"; T. A. Dodge's "Bird's-eye View of the Civil War"; H. B. Lüben's "Mathematics Self-taught"; A. J. Beveridge's "Russian Advance"; I. B. Bishop's "Korea and Her Neighbors"; F. V. N. Painter's "History of English Literature"; B.

Wendell's "English Composition"; Mary and Charles Lamb's "Tales from Shakespeare"; Beman & Smith's "Higher Arithmetic"; "College Entrance Examination Questions, three volumes"; J. Schouler's "History of United States," three volumes; Arlo Bates' "Talks on Writing English," two copies; A. Bates' "Talks on the Study of Literature"; H. H. Jackson's "Century of Dishonor"; H. H. Jackson's "Ramona"; H. S. Pancoast's "Introduction to English Literature"; G. A. Smith's "Historical Geography of the Holy Land"; H. Drummond's "Tropical Africa"; F. G. Peabody's "Religion of an Educated Man"; H. Drummond's "Ascent of Man"; Charles Wagner's "Simple Life"; N. D. Hillis' "Great Books as Life's Teachers"; L. N. Chase's "English Heroic Plays"; Julian Hawthorne's "Hawthorne and His Circle"; R. H. Stoddard's "Recollections"; C. M. Gayley's "Representative English Comedies"; W. J. Courthope's "History of English Poetry", two volumes; Leigh Hunt's "Autobiography", two volumes; F. A. Paley's "Hesiod"; W. C. Bryant's "Homer-Iliad"; W. C. Bryant's "Homer-Odyssey"; Edward Earl of Derby's "Homer-Iliad", Vol. 1; G. Lodge "Plato-Gorgias"; H. N. Fowler's "History of Ancient Greek Literature"; F. W. Nicolson's "Aristophanes' Plutus"; J. P. Mahaffy's "Empire of the Ptolemies", W. W. Merry's "Homer's Odyssey"; A. Sidgwick's "Aeschylus' Coephori"; A. Sidgwick's Aeschylus' Eumenides"; M. L. Earle's "Euripides' Alcestis"; E. D. A. Moorehead's "House of Atreus"; H. Drummond's "Addresses"; "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," "Greatest Thing in the World"; Henry Craik's "State in its Relation to Education"; S. B. Harding's "Story of the Middle Ages," ten copies; S. H. Clark's "How to Teach Reading in the Public Schools," six copies; N. S. Shaler's "Aspects of the Earth," G. G. Chrisholm's "Handbook of Commercial Geography"; A. R. Colquhoun's "Mastery of the Pacific"; I. C. "Russell's Rivers of North America"; J. Hann's "Handbook of Climatology"; Benj. Jowett's "Thucydides," two volumes; Byron's Works (poetry, vol. 7); P. H. Hann's "Geometry in the Grammar School"; American Friend's Conference' "Peace Conference"; English Board of Education's "Education in the United States of America," two volumes; and ninety-two volumes of Government Documents, and several reports and books of minor interest, in all two hundred and fifteen volumes.

Le Cercle Français.

"Vous êtes cordialement invité à assister à la représentation théâtrale qui sera donnée par le cercle français chez M. Brandon, mercredi prochain le 16 mars."

Voilà ce qu'on lut au tableau noir de la salle de classe avec grand plaisir parce que le succès des comédies de l'année passée était encore

dans la mémoire de ceux qui y assistèrent. On presenta cette année les deux pièces: "La Veste Brodée" et "La Lettre Chargée." La première est une vieille comédie du dixhuitième siècle qui décrit spirituellement une querelle d'amoureux querelle cui, contraire à la règle, ne finit pas par une reconciliation.

Les personnages sont:

La Marquise.....	Mlle. Goff
Le Comte.....	M. Brown
Le Chevalier.....	M. Zerfass
Emilie, femme de chambre.....	Mlle. Fye

Les jeunes filles paraissaient jolies et charmantes. Les jeunes hommes qui s'étaient mis à la dernière mode étaient très beaux. Tout le monde jona bien.

La seconde comédie est une farce charmante par Labiche un ecrivain moderne. Les personnages sont:

Hortense, veuve.....	Mlle. D. Cone
Peter Fongasson, Americain.....	M. Boring
Hector de Courvellan.....	M. Hughes
Francine, femme de chambre	Mlle. Robinson

Fongasson veut épouser Hortense à cause de sa ressemblance à sa première femme qu'il suppose morte, tuée dans un accident. À plusieurs reprises Hortense refuse sa demande, parce qu'elle est amoureuse de son cousin Hector. M. Fongasson devient inconsolable. Enfin en train de se pendre il est intersompu par Hector qui lui remet un télégramme. Ce télégramme anuonce qui sa Betsy n'est morte morte; qu'elle s'était sauvée d'une façon presque miraculeuse.

Cette piece était aussi un grand succès. M. Hughes avait une très bonne manière dans son rôle, Mlle. Cone était "douce, simple, modeste" et Mlle. Robinson son dans les habillments d'une jeune bonne française faisait un portrait charmant. M. Boring était incomparable. Les efforts de M. Brandon rendirent les comédies interessantes même ceux qui ne comprenaient pas tout. Après la représentation on servit des rafraichissements.

—RUTH D. SNYDER, '04.

Der Deutsche Club.

Die letzte Zusammenkunft des deutschen Clubs vor den Osterferien war bei Herrn Professor James. Obgleich nicht alle die Mitglieder kommen konnten verbrachten die Anwesenden einen sehr vergnügten Abend. Frau Professor James las mehrere Grabschriften vor. Ich hoffe dasz unser Lachen die nicht störte, welche seit Jahren so friedlich unter den merkwürdigen Schriften ruhen. Nach dem Litteraturspiel sang Frau James ein schönes Lied. Und die Schokolade und die Kuchen,

welche sie uns servierte, waren vortrefflich. Zu unserem und Herrn Shinkle's Leidwesen war er nicht zugegen.

—HERBERT M. HUGHES, '04.

Literary Societies.

Each Literary Society held its regular term election on Friday evening, April first. The Erodelphians elected the following officers: President, Paul G. Moore; vice-president, M. D. Liming; secretary, Omen K. Boring; Chaplain, C. E. Brown; treasurer, Vernon Hill; critic, G. C. Fisher; librarian, A. J. Nunnamaker; sergeant-at-arms, A. M. Harrison.

The Miami Union elected the following officers: President, John L. Baker; vice-president, F. R. Moomaw; secretary, William Phebus; treasurer, F. B. Dilley; critic, J. M. Gries; sergeant-at-arms, Vernon Lantis.

The Preliminary Debate.

Our preliminary was held in the Miami Chapel, on Saturday afternoon, March twelfth. The only hearers were the five judges, Dr. E. C. Hayes, Dr. W. A. Eckels, Dr. S. R. Williams, Prof. E. E. Brandon, and Prof. C. H. McIlwain, and Time-keeper Prof. J. M. Chapman. The following team was chosen: G. C. Fisher, captain; J. L. Kinsey; and C. E. Shinkle. Amos Markey was chosen alternate. The three members of the team are Erodelphians. Mr. Markey is a member of the Miami Union Society.

University Orchestra at Camden.

The Orchestra gave its first entertainment away from Oxford in the Presbyterian church at Camden, Ohio, March 18. The audience was not as large as was rightly expected, but the program was satisfactory in every way, as is evidenced by the fact that the orchestra has been invited over to play at the Camden High School Commencement.

In this entertainment, Miss Pitts assisted as soprano soloist, Miss Cone as accompanist, and Prof. Chapman as reader.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

The election of new officers for the Y. W. C. A. was held before Spring Vacation. The new term of office begins with the Spring Term. The following were elected officers: Edna Robinson, re-elected president; Laura Beals, vice-president; Hildegard Ballauf, treasurer; Chloe Thompson, secretary.

The meetings during the last month have been interesting and helpful. On Sunday, February twenty-eighth, Dr. Root, a secretary of the

Student Volunteer Movement, gave an address on missions. She spoke to the girls again Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Benton, and led the devotional meeting Tuesday evening. At the last meeting before Spring vacation, we had the privilege of hearing Mrs. Gallimore, who has been a missionary in India for eleven years. She told of the wonderful progress of the missionary work there, and what the Christian teaching and living means to the girls of India.

The mission study class meets every Wednesday evening, there are about twenty girls in the class. They are now studying the life and work of Duff.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

March sixth, the Association held a Columbus Echo meeting. Robt. E. Pye told us of the scope and importance of the Y. M. C. A. movement and briefly reviewed the college, city, country and railroad departments which was very interesting to all of us. Lyle Kaye told us of the inspiration that the Convention had given him, and he gave us pleasant reports of some of the addresses made by Sherwood Eddy, of India, and Dr. H. C. King, of Oberlin, Ohio. Charles Welliver reported on the pleasures of the trip telling of the side trips made to the State University and other places of interest.

March thirteenth, Omen K. Boring gave us a talk that was retrospective in character. This was appropriate because it was the last meeting of the month.

Lyle Kaye, our president, attended the Presidents' Convention of College Associations of the State of Ohio. The Convention was held from March thirty-first to April third, at Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

President Guy Potter Benton delivered the opening address of the Convention on Thursday evening, March thirty-first.

Death of Harry Jacoby.

The Faculty and student body were shocked by the sudden and unexpected death of Harry Franklin Jacoby. He died at his home at 181 even W on March twenty-second of typhoid fever. His death occurred during the Spring Vacation when nearly all of the students were at their homes.

Following is a copy of the letter sent to his mother and father by his class:—

OXFORD, OHIO, March 30, 1904.

We wish to express to you our deep sympathy in the recent death of your son, our classmate. Though he had been with us but a comparatively short time we came to admire and esteem him and by his straight-

forward, manly ways, he commended himself to all as a very agreeable and pleasant fellow-student.

While we feel that our words at this time can be of but small comfort, yet we wish to assure you that he is missed by us.

Extending to you our heartfelt sympathy in this great sorrow, coming upon us so unaware that it seems hardly possible that we are to see him no more, may we sign ourselves,

His classmates,

ARTHUR OLSON, President third year Academy Class.

FLORENCE FYE, Secretary third year Academy Class.

GRACE GLASGOW	} Committee
BLANCHE GREERNE	
ROBERT PYE	

Athletics.

THE INDOOR MEET.

The annual Indoor Athletic Carnival was held in the gymnasium, March ninth. It was a success in most respects. Prof. Stone spared no efforts to make this one of the best ever held.

The events were as follows:

1. 25-yard handicap: First, Angell, 3 yards; second, Wood, S.; third, Moore, 2 yards. Time, 3 2-5 seconds.
2. 880 yard run, handicap. First, Huston, 20 yards; second, Thompson, 50 yards; third, Brown, S. Time, 2:40.
3. Pole vault: First, Radcliffe; second, Teal; third, Kaye. Height, 8 feet 3 inches.
4. 16-pound shot put, handicap: First, Wood, S.; second, Teal, 1 foot; third, Hamsher, 1 foot. Distance, 32 feet 10½ inches.
5. Swinging high jump: First, Bierce; second, Williams; third, Lawrence. Height, 10 feet 10 inches.
6. Sack Race: First, Angell; second, Radcliffe; third, Thompson.
7. Standing high jump, handicap: First, Teal, 6 inches; second, James, S.; third, Markley, 6 inches. Height, by Teal 52 inches; by James, 57 inches.
8. Elephant race: First, Teal and Meeks; second, Fisher and Hughes; third, Stephenson and Robertson.
9. Lion leap, handicap: First, Teal, 4 inches; second, Pye, S.; third, Kaye; 4 inches. Height, by Teal, 67 inches, by Pye 67 inches.
10. 400-yard potato race, handicap: First, Teal; second, Huston; third, Angell. Time, 1:48.
11. Running high jump, handicap: First, James, S.; second, Teal, 2 inches; third, Angell, 3 inches. Height, 5 feet.

12. Swinging long jump: First, Bierce; second, Radcliffe; third, Huston.

13. Obstacle race: First, Radcliffe; second, Kaye.

A handsome silver trophy cup was offered to the man winning the greatest number of points, and was awarded to L. G. Teal.

It was a prize well worth the time and effort necessary to win it. A good sized crowd was present.

FACULTY-SENIORS BASKET BALL.

On Tuesday evening, March fifteenth, the Faculty Basket Ball team consisting of Profs. Parker, Hadsel, McIlwain, Williams and Hoke was defeated by the Senior team, composed of Messrs. Wood, Coleman, Kinsey, Robinson and Silver. The final score stood 16 to 13. A large crowd witnessed the game which was played for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. The officials were Box and Heinz, of U. of C.

MIAMI GIRLS VS. O. S. U.

On March eleventh, the Girls' Basket Ball team went to Columbus to play the O. S. U. girls a return game. It seems that O. S. U. was determined to win, by fair means or foul. The officials emphatically disagreed upon several decisions, and at one time it seemed the game would end in a general "muss." The Miami girls claim the game by a score of 16 to 14. O. S. U. claims it by 15 to 13, and so it stands. Our girls complain of a general lack of courtesy, both on the part of the players and of the spectators.

THE GOLF LINKS.

This year marks a new era in out-door recreation in that we now have a golf course. Through the efforts of Dr. Hayes the course has been laid out and the University has appropriated money for its support. Those who have played on the course pronounce it the best in Oxford and when some improvements are made that are contemplated it will be one of the best in the state.

To add interest to the game it is proposed to have a tournament towards the end of school year, the winner of which is to receive a trophy cup offered by the Peters Arms and Sporting Goods Co.

This is a game for ladies as well as gentlemen and we hope the faculty and students will give it their hearty support.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE.

Manager Hughes has arranged the following excellent schedule for the season of 1904:

April 25, DePauw at Oxford.
April 30, Franklin at Oxford.
May 6, K. S. C. at Oxford.
May 12, K. S. C. at Lexington.
May 13 and 14, Central U. at Danville.
May 19, U. of C. at Cincinnati.
May 20, Ohio University at Athens.
May 24, Franklin at Franklin.
May 25, DePauw at Greencastle.
May 30, U. of C. at Oxford.
June 4, Alumni vs. Varsity at Oxford.

Alumni.

1869—F. S. Brooks has been in the coal business all his life. He is at present secretary of the Coal Exchange, Columbus. His address is 82 Twenty-second street. Mr. Brooks possesses a great deal of ability as a caricaturist and writer, a talent, which he exercises, however, only at odd moments. He is the author of the poem on the first page of this number of THE STUDENT.

1870—The Honorable Elam Fisher of Eaton, Ohio, has announced his candidacy for renomination as judge of the court of common pleas. He has served as judge of the Eaton courts for a number of years in a manner reflecting the highest credit upon his profession and his county; and not only Preble County, but also the Butler County bar, will be gratified in knowing that he has no thought of retiring.

1871—Dr. D. R. Moore lectured to an appreciative audience in Liberty, Indiana, March twenty-first, his subject being "Abraham Lincoln."

1895—Gilbert A. Morris, who has been the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Marion, Indiana, since 1898, is having erected through his own efforts a \$40,000 Y. M. C. A. gymnasium in that city.

Ex-1897—Frederick Ridgeley Torrence has been lately elected assistant editor of "The Critic" New York City. In the March number of this magazine he has a poem "The Masque of Hours."

1899—Leonard B. Coulter, who took the B. A. degree here at Miami will graduate in Ceramics this year at the Ohio State University.

1900—Odin L. Remington, who is connected with a large commercial establishment in Melbourne, Australia will return to the United States in July to visit his parents at Brownsville, Indiana.

1900—J. B. Coulter is located on a ranch at Mt. Scott, Oklahoma.

Ex-1902—Leigh C. Turner has entered upon the study of law in the law department of the University at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Miami University Association of Hamilton.

Last June at the meeting of the alumni, attention was called to the fact that the younger alumni were not taking the active interest in the meetings that they should, and it was urged that something be done to bring together the younger graduates. The committee appointed to consider the schemes suggested finally decided on a dinner at Hamilton to which all graduates and ex-students within convenient distance of Hamilton should be invited. A meeting of the Miami University men of Hamilton was called to organize a Miami University Association. Two hundred and forty-six invitations were sent out but only six men met at Mr. Tobey's home to effect the organization. However many letters favorable to the plan were received and those present felt that it would be a success. Mr. Hinckley Smith, '91, was elected president, Mr. Darrel Joyce, '03, secretary, and Mr. Lee Parrish, treasurer. It was decided to give a dinner at the St. Charles Hotel at one dollar a plate and to invite the alumni, ex-students, faculty and senior class.

It was the aim to send invitations to all the alumni and ex-students within fifty miles of Hamilton, but owing to a very imperfect mailing list quite a number were omitted, much to the regret of the committee. It is very unfortunate that no easily accessible and accurate list of the ex-students with their addresses exists. The ex-students are often quite as loyal and quite as strong supporters of the University as her Alumni.

The dinner on March twelfth was a far greater success every way than any one anticipated. About one hundred and forty were seated at the tables. The greetings of old friends were most cordial and a general feeling of good fellowship prevailed. Between courses college songs were sung to the accompaniment of the Miami orchestra. The assembly was remarkable for the large number of young men and women present. Probably no previous gathering of alumni in recent years has had so large a proportion. The senior class was invited and a number were present. The faculty and board of trustees was well represented.

The toasts were exceptionally good and the only disappointment of the evening was the necessity of an early departure of the guests to catch trains home which cut the program short. The toastmaster, J. Hinckley Smith '91 is to be greatly congratulated, both on his selection of speakers and his most happy introductions of them. Hon. John W. Herron '45, president of the board of trustees, President Guy Potter

Benton, Dr. A. D. Hepburn, Dean H. C. Minnich, Miss Anna E. Logan, Mrs. Frances G. Richard, Dr. E. C. Hayes, General Charles E. Brown, Mr. S. J. Braudenburg and Hon. I. E. Huffman responded to toasts. Judge Elam Fisher, Hon. B. S. Bartlow, Mr. W. H. James and others were expected to speak but delays in the service cut the time short and disappointed the guests. All of the speakers were filled with true love for Miami and confidence in her future. To hear so many men, from so many different points of view, all voice the same sentiments of loyalty to the college was most inspiring.

The Miami men of Hamilton are most excellent hosts and they have proved by the great success of this first effort that the Miami spirit is strong in the land. The strength of any college must always lie largely in her alumni and surely no college has a stronger alumni to rely on than Miami. What we need and need badly is more such dinners as this one in Hamilton.

The alumni and ex-students must be made to feel that the college remembers them and has her eye on them and depends on them. They must meet and keep in touch with the Miami of today. The young men just going out, full of interests in the college must be taken cordially into the ranks of the alumni and there their love for the college must be cherished and made strong for her support. It is only in this way that Miami University can attain the strength and usefulness we all desire.

Social Events.

On Thursday evening, after the Basket Ball game with O. S. U., Professor Stone showed his appreciation of our girls' victory by inviting them to a seven o'clock dinner at Mrs. Ells' boarding house. An elegant course dinner was served. The souvenirs were imitation basket balls and red and white carnations. All the girls left for home at a late hour after declaring Professor Stone the best of entertainers.

A number of Miami students had the pleasure of attending the Junior Reception given at Oxford College on Saturday evening, March sixth. No efforts were spared to make the evening a delightful one, as all present reported a general good time. Early in the evening the guests began to arrive. They were ushered to the library where each gentleman and lady were presented with a small card upon which was a picture in perfect harmony with the name "Sandwich," given to the party. The gentlemen lost no time in finding their partners as the cards were numbered. Luncheon was then served which consisted of various kinds of sandwiches and pickles. The remainder of the evening quickly passed

and the guests departed feeling that another pleasant evening had been spent at Oxford College.

On Tuesday evening, March eighth, a large audience at the Western College had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Charles L. Herald, of Jackson, Ohio, his subject being "Life on a Man of War." His subject was well chosen and his personal interest in this theme made it possible for him to hold the close attention of his audience. His own experience makes him well fitted to describe such a life; rarely do we have the opportunity of hearing so entertaining a speaker.

A number of our students enjoyed the recital at the Western, March seventeenth, by the students in music. Each participant acquitted herself well; and the numbers of the Glee club and Mozart club were well received.

Miss Thayer gave a delightful informal recital in the Oxford College parlors on Saturday afternoon, March nineteenth. A number of musical friends from the village were present. Each number of the program was delightful and Miss Thayer who on every occasion of this kind has proven herself an excellent teacher of her art, deserves much credit as director.

On Monday evening, March twenty-first, the students in the musical and oratorical courses gave the third public recital of the year at Oxford College. A number of Miami students and Oxford citizens were in attendance. The entire program was interesting throughout and participants acquitted themselves in an excellent manner.

The organ recital given at the Western College on Tuesday evening, April fifth, was much enjoyed by all present. President Robinson, members of the faculty of Oxford College, faculty members and students of Miami University were present. The recital was given by Dr. George Whitefield Andrews, pianist, assisted by Miss Lucy Jocelyn Bushnell. Miss Swezey of the Western College was accompanist. The entire program was well chosen and each number was rendered in such manner as to show the ability of the participants. The recital, in every particular, was a complete success.

Normal Notes.

The third term of the year opened on the twenty-ninth of last month with a very good showing. A goodly number of new students have already registered and it is thought many more will have entered before the close of the term. We are looking forward to a very pleasant and enjoyable term's work and judging from our past life at Miami, we have no fear but that it shall prove such.

The bulletins advertising the summer term, have been issued and

quite a number have been sent to different parts of the state. A large attendance is hoped for, and unless it falls far short of that of last summer we shall not be disappointed. The term opens on the twenty-first of June and closes the twenty-ninth of July.

Miss Logan addressed the County Teacher's Association at the recent meeting in Sandusky. On the same day, Dr. Culler delivered an excellent address in Lancaster.

Dean Feeney addressed the members of the Presbytery at their recent meeting in this town, the second week of this month.

Several members of the Normal School faculty attended the meeting of the Western Ohio Superintendents' Round Table at Hamilton the early part of this month. Prof. Parker, Prof. Hoke, Prof. Feeney and Dean Minnich were among those who attended from here.

The Second Ohio Session of the Schoolmasters' Conference met at Athens the first part of the month. The Session was a very enjoyable and profitable one and several excellent addresses were delivered.

One of the members of the Sophomore class, Miss Crauder, has been doing some excellent work substituting in one of the schools near Middletown, the past month. Miss Crauder was called to take the place of Miss Mable Gardner, who was absent because of illness. Miss Gardner was a student in our school last year and excellent reports have come to us of the work she is doing in her school. We congratulate Miss Gardner on her success.

On the twelfth of this month, Superintendent Vance of Miamisburg addressed the members of the Normal School. Mr. Vance was to have delivered an address to us early in March, but, owing to an accident, was unable to attend. We were very glad to have him with us on the twelfth, however, and enjoyed his addresses very much.

The Sophomores are now wearing very dainty little class pins, designed in their class colors, gold and white.

We regret very much to say that Miss Logan, the Superintendent of our Training Department, has been on the sick list for several days this month. We are glad to announce however, that she is rapidly improving and hopes to be her same cheerful, busy self soon.

It may be of interest to our students to know that at the meeting of the Superintendents' Section of the N. E. A. in Atlanta, which was mentioned in last month's issue of *THE STUDENT*, the question of spelling reform occupied the center of the stage in anticipation and proved the shortest act in the performance. John McDonald, of Topeka, Kan., in a short but brilliant speech, attacked the proposed reform and its champions. E. O. Vaile defended the resolution and won the day in its adoption. The next meeting of this body will be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



THE EXCHANGE

The *STUDENT* never posed as a critic nor does it wish to do so now. Since however, it has become customary to have a considerable portion of the *Exchange* department given over to comment perhaps we may venture some sincere opinions in that line.

Wooster Voice.—Your paper is too good to be without an exchange department.

Steele Review is clearly a leader, true to its motto "Not for self but for all."

Gleam is published evidently by a board that knows what is good and gets it.

Black and Red, you have a happy way of mixing your German and English which is always pleasing.

The Mirror from our sister college at Athens while in many respects a first-class paper seems rather lacking in life.

Rose Technic is the best paper of its class that comes to our table. It is beautifully illustrated and well put up throughout.

The Monthly Maroon (Chicago) is the only paper on our table printed on "prepared" paper. It is one of the few papers whose editors seem to have any idea when they get one issue ready what they will put in the next.

Wabash is a paper in the very front ranks—not a page that is not interesting. One sees in it that rare but always pleasant feature of the college press, viz., a sensible local column. The *Exchange* Department of *Wabash* is about the nearest approach we have seen of what that should be.

Old Hughes for March is, as usual, good. The essay, "George Rogers Clark," was interesting not only from a literary and historical point of view but also from a personal interest in the society that holds forth in the United Bank Building.

The Wittenberger is a very good weekly, indeed. It is strictly up-to-date, too, in that it gives more prominence to advertising than to anything else, still we cannot but admire the paper that is old-fashioned enough to make the literary features primary. This is the meanest thing we ever said in this line.

The Reserve Weekly is a wide-awake paper and a credit to the publishers. The *Exchange* editor writes:

No one knows
As the editor knows
The torments of filling up space;
But this just shows
When pushed to a close,
He has a thousand of different ways.

"*Oxford Collegian*, One thing thou lackest" viz., an exchange column; and less nonsense, and particularly fewer silly puns

Blue and Gold (Findlay, O.) is becoming better steadily. The article "Boys, from a Girl's Point of View," was very good. We quote elsewhere from the same issue:

Marie hat ein kleines Pferd,
Und das war geg'n Gesetz;
Ach! De Lehrer sah ihn an,
Und ja, das war sein Letzt.

We did not hurry homeward,
For we dearly loved the place;
I had a box of Huyler's,
And his arm stole round my—candy-box.

The summer sun was sinking
Ye gods! what gorgeous bliss;
He loves his darling madly,
So he stole a little—bon-bon.

—*Ex.*

ONE SYMPTOM.

Mr. Scragginton (reading): "Well! Well! Here is a prognostication, by a well known college president, that American white men are slowly but surely becoming red men."

Mrs. Scragginton: "Pshaw! It isn't always correct to judge a man by his nose."

—*Literary Digest.*

ITALIAN VIEWPOINT.

'War raisa price banan'. Russia man, Japa man, buy a plenty banan'. Throw skin down so! Long come greata general, step on banan' skin, whoof! He fall and breaka his head. All ze generals fall, take much banan'! War raisa price.'

—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

Enformer, your locals are sensible, but your exchanges are a little "ancient" when they reach us.

THE BELLE OF THE SEASON.
An Allegory.

The cat sat on the garden fence,
Whence all but she had fled.
She looked around, aloft, below
An counted up the dead.

A black tom-cat, a white tom-cat,
A gray tom-cat were there,
An all around in little clumps
Were tufts of gory hair.

—*Prof. W. R. Benedict in U. C. News.*

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She—Take me ashore instantly.

—*Wabash.*

Ex—out.

Change—to turn.

Exchange—to turn out.

An exchange, then, is a turned out
affair.

—*Ex.*

GOT WHAT THEY WANTED.

A penniless man generally supposed to
have been rich, recently died leaving the
following will:

In the name of God, amen. There is
only one thing I leave. I leave the earth.
My relatives have always wanted that.
They can have it.

"BILL L. INDNER."

—*Lippincott's Magazine.*

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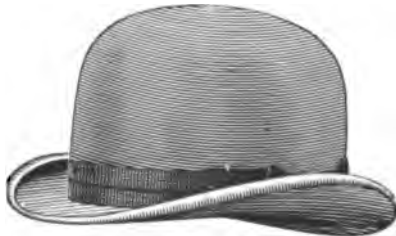
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The Farewell.

Look sadly—Faculty
This last year will soon be o'er,
A brilliant class
Soon now will pass
Away forever more.

Speak softly—Juniors,
In reverent silence bow;
No varsity bell tolls,
Yet the Senior soles
Are passing now.

Sophs, seemingly wise,
With holy reverence bow;
There's a choice number I say,
Who will soon go away
Greater than thou.

Oh! Fresh! O marvelous Fresh!
Torn away are the bars;
Soon they will be gone
With their honors won
Journeying under the stars.

Oh! Prep! stupendous Prep!
Now take yourself in hand;
Scratch your swelled head,
Remember what you said,
Against the Senior grand.

Elocution.

The first definition given to the word elocution in the Standard Dictionary is, "The art of correct intonation, inflection, and gesture in public speaking or reading." We consider this a good and comprehensive definition but, alas! were we to judge solely by the performances of many who have "studied elocution" and not a few who have even been graduated from some of our so-called Schools of Oratory, we would feel obliged to define the word as *the art, or act of being as unnatural or acting as much like a fool as possible*, and accepting this definition, we would willingly admit that too many are not far from perfect in their "art." In a magazine article by Kate Douglas Wiggin "The Author's Reading at Bixby Center," the writer tells of several old ladies who, notwithstanding the fact that the author made everything perfectly clear to them, were of the opinion that her reading was not to be compared to that of a certain young woman who had performed in the same place a short time before, at a prize exhibition, and taken the first prize, "As she deserved, for she screamed louder than all the rest put together." Unfortunately there are a good many and they are not confined to the uneducated classes who, according to a certain minister noted for his quaintness of expression "mistake yell-ocution" for elocution. But perhaps there has been more offense given to people of taste during the last twenty-five years, through false elocutionary standards, than all other art standards combined. But admitting this to be true, we still have no explanation of the stand taken by a good many educated people against any attempt to impart instruction in elocution.

All are willing to admit that distinct enunciation is a necessity and that gracefulness and dignity of bearing are desirable but that these characteristics, together with all others necessary to the most effective delivery can be acquired, they will not admit. "It must be born in him or he never can have it." How often have we heard this expression, and we admit the truth of it, but the truth does not lie in the general understanding of the saying. "The Poet is born not made," is another expression, which taken literally, is far from true. Was Tennyson born a poet? By no means, but Tennyson was born to be a poet. Was Mozart born a musician? Was Beecher born a great preacher of the gospel? Was Edison born a great inventor? Was any person within your knowledge endowed generally or specifically to any considerable degree, born so?

It is certainly true that any individual of marked talent was possessed of some talent at the beginning, and that his present possession is

merely the result of the development of that talent, and so, while we admit that talent cannot be imparted absolutely, we would utter a warning to those who declare that, in reading and speaking alone, nature will work out unaided in each individuals, all that he is capable of.

While the same law holds in regard to the development of one talent as another, viz., given more or less talent at the outset and more or less cultivation of the talent, the result is more or less ability, it is, nevertheless true that there is more reason for the cultivation of the elocutionary talent, in most individuals, than any other. While some must sing, some must play, some must paint, etc., all must talk, and all are liable to be called on to talk publicly. Besides, a pleasing voice, which but few have by nature, is a social, hygienic, and political advantage, as may easily be demonstrated.

But supposing, as we cannot in this article say any considerable part of what might be said, we speak of elocutionary training as a necessary preparation for one who expects to devote his time largely to public speaking. Now no matter how much musical talent, or talent in any other direction than oratory, one may possess, we all advise cultivation of that talent, and the more we discern, or think we discern, the more we urge the necessity for this cultivation. But one who has more or less oratorical ability is often, and by those who are really his enemies, because they cannot exercise the wisdom of friends, advised to simply cultivate his mental faculties, and speak as he may be moved to speak. Now why is this? It is because so many are ignorant of the fact, and seemingly wilfully so, that the same law obtains in the development of one talent as another. Also it is because we tolerate in a public speaker a crudeness that we do not tolerate in the singer or musician supposed to be fitted to perform his work properly. In other words, we exercise a sort of insane charity toward a public speaker, whose speaking is his vocation, that we would not think of exercising toward one of another calling. The result of this difference in criticism is seen in the constant improvement in all other arts and but little or no improvement in the art of public speaking. The saddest thought in this connection is that many who, although doing good through their speaking, might do much more and have more years given them in which to do it, if they had received a physical training as necessary for them as for the singer.

A proper use of the voice and a proper carriage are not only essential for producing the best effect before an audience but they are equally essential for the production and preservation of the greatest degree of health. "Criticism is easy; art is hard," says an old French proverb. Many a public speaker is weaker than he would be had he received proper criticism in the beginning of his career, and what is quite as necessary, received proper advice in regard to his faults. Few men can see their own faults until they are pointed out to them, and fewer

still can correct them without assistance. Many discover their faults after they have been speaking so long that their bad habits of speech cannot be corrected. This has been proved time and time again.

We have scarcely begun to say what we would like to say upon this subject, but we are reaching the limit suggested by the editor and so we will simply add that, despite and because of the fact that young women and occasionally a young man, whose chief claim to distinction is an ability to howl, still persist in appearing before audiences, who frequently know better than to approve their performances, there is every reason for genuine cultivation in the art of physical expression. Every argument is in favor of it, there can be none against it.

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The Making of a War Correspondent.

BY EDWIN EMERSON, JR.

Col. Edwin Emerson, one of the World's corps of special correspondents at the fighting front in the far East, is one of the most picturesque soldiers of fortune who have taken to war correspondence as a life calling. With Capt. Whitney of the Secret Service of the Military Intelligence Bureau of the War Department, he undertook to reconnoitre Porto Rico before the occupation of the island by the troops under Gen. Miles. Emerson, in the guise of a German newspaper correspondent, was apprehended and condemned to death. He bribed a guard, commandeered a horse, and reached the coast, where he smuggled himself aboard a French coasting vessel, and escaped. For this exploit Roosevelt invited him to join the "Rough Riders" where for gallantry, he received an appointment on the staff of Gen. Joe Wheeler. At the outbreak of the present war, he was in Panama. He is now in Corea with the Japanese army of invasion."—(N. Y. World, March 13, 1904.)

Mr. Emerson was a student at Miami in '87-8, and belonged to the class of '90. He did not graduate however. He was a brother of Prof. Emerson, of the faculty at that time. Since graduating at Harvard he has been in newspaper work; and as correspondent or soldier has been in every war of importance in the last ten years.

The following article by him, originally written for an English magazine is somewhat abbreviated for our purpose.—Ed.

War correspondents, unlike poets, are made, not born. Mostly, they are the children of opportunity. True, they must have within them the innate qualities of the born poet and of the born soldier; but it is the fusion of these two natures that makes the ideal war correspondent. So large a part does opportunity play in his making that there are not a few instances of successful war correspondents who have been lacking either in soldierly qualities or as good writers. One or two, even, have achieved success though lacking in everything but opportunity and grit.

My own first piece of special correspondence was due purely to a stroke of luck. In 1886, as a mere lad, I happened to find myself on the banks of the Lake of Starnberg in the Bavarian mountains riding a bicycle near the Castle of Berg within an hour of the time that the mad King Louis of Bavaria had been found drowned in the waters of the lake.

The unfortunate monarch, as will be recalled, had drowned himself and his keeper, the famous Dr. Gudden, on the eve of his threatened deposition from the throne of Bavaria. I was the first outsider on the scene. Boy that I was, the newspaper man awoke within me. So it happened that the news of King Louis' tragic death was read in New York and London before it became known in Germany. Still such strokes of journalistic luck are rare. The opportunity to do war correspondence as a rule will not come of itself, but must be wooed. Even when sought for most eagerly it is apt to prove elusive. 'Tis a case of:

"Seeking the bubble reputation
Even at the cannon's mouth."

Nowadays wars break out so suddenly and are fought to a finish so quickly, that even the most enterprising special correspondents sometimes can barely manage to get to the scene of hostilities in time to be in at the death. At the time of the last Greek-Turkish conflict a score of English and American would-be war correspondents arrived in Athens and Salonika only in time to report the peace protocols. Our Spanish-American war was full of similar disappointments. The land fighting in Cuba, strictly speaking, was over after one short week—the time that elapsed between the opening skirmish at Las Guasimas and the battles of San Juan Hill and Caney. Those correspondents who missed their opportunity there only found themselves doomed to worse disappointment when they followed General Miles to his all but bloodless campaign through Porto Rico. The present conflict in the far East, by the suddenness of its outbreak is known to have caught a number of well-known English correspondents at a disadvantage in the near East, whither they had been drawn by the Macedonian uprising and rumors of impending hostilities in the Balkans.

Few war correspondents are really sent out by their publishers. The men mostly send themselves. That is, the initiative is all their own. Some fortunate few, who have ample means of their own when war is imminent, proceed to the most promising destination at their own expense and risk, and having arrived there come to quick terms with publishers at home by means of the telegraph. These men have the best chance of being the first in the field. On the other hand they run the risk of having to pay for their own mistakes, should events turn out against their calculations, or if sickness or other misfortunes of war overtake them. Other war correspondents, generally reach the front after much delay by volunteering to do so under the auspices of some powerful periodical. I know of one quondam war correspondent, whose eagerness to get to the fighting front led him to accept such an inadequate travel allowance from the editor who professed to send him, that by the time he sailed forth to witness certain hostile naval operations nine hundred

miles away, he had just one dollar left in his clothes. That correspondent was myself.

American newspaper readers must be more or less familiar with the case of Edward Marshall, the correspondent for the New York Journal during the Spanish-American war, who fell severely wounded in the first fight of the Rough Riders in Cuba. The fact that this correspondent had been struck down while in the service of the Journal was duly exploited in the columns of that newspaper and all the other newspaper organs controlled by Mr. Hearst. No mention was made of the fact that Marshall had gone to the front on his own initiative. Nor was it advertised that the unfortunate correspondent had to have his leg amputated, afterward, and became a paralytic. It was rumored though that Mr. Hearst had appointed him to a life position on the editorial staff of his newspaper. Next it was learned that Marshall had been suffered to sever his connection with Mr. Hearst. Mr. James Gordon Bennett thereupon took him up, entrusting him with the management of an important department of the New York Herald. Meanwhile Marshall's health became steadily worse. He had to be moved about in a wheel chair. Presently he had to resign from the Herald. An invalid for life he is now left to his own devices. When I last saw him he was writing a novel.

Publishers will tell you that there is an obverse to this medal. They will tell you of correspondents full of promises, sent out at great cost to earn distinction for themselves and for their papers, who spend their time lolling at hotels and places of amusement far from the front. Having accomplished little but the accumulation of heavy bills for expenses, they return in the end with nothing but specious excuses for their inaction.

Another complaint of publishers is that the best of correspondents whose reputation in itself almost ensures excellent results, perform their services on so reckless and lavish a scale that the expense of their maintenance sometimes far exceeds in value the advantage to the newspaper that may accrue from their work.

Everybody has heard the story of the eager war correspondent, who reaching a telegraph station ahead of his rivals, cut off their access to the wire after filing his own despatch, by cabling the opening chapter of the Bible with instructions to the operator to keep this up until closing time. The alleged dramatic incident has been incorporated into the plot of "Michael Strogoff." Deponent saith not how the home office enjoyed paying so much per word for this cabled version of the Book of Genesis.

I had an experience akin to this a few years ago in South America. It was after a battle on the Venezuelan-Colombian frontier in the Andes, and I had crossed the mountains and penetrated through an inundated

region infested by lawless *guerrilleros* to reach the nearest cable station with my news. I was a journalistic free lance then, but the battle had been sufficiently bloody to make a good "story" for any paper except the "War Cry." The first editor to whom I cabled an intimation of what I had to tell, cabled back: "Send all you can!" I did, needless to explain, at press rates, payable at the other end. The commercial rate was \$1.20 per word in American gold. The operator obligingly kept his office open one hour after closing time to enable me to file all of my despatch, some eighteen hundred words.

Late that night I was awakened in my *posada* by the cable clerk. He told me that the addressee in New York had refused to accept the despatch, and that the head office in Martinique had wired him a peremptory order to collect the full tolls for my lengthy message at the regular commercial rate. Accordingly he presented me with a bill for over two thousand dollars and demanded payment in gold. Standing in the *paleo* under a flood of bright tropical moonlight I tried to argue the matter out with him in passionate Spanish, but all to no purpose. He said if he did not collect the full amount from me it would be taken out of his salary. I retorted that it looked like an attempt on his part to collect his salary out of my cable tolls. After an hour's wrangling I refused point blank to transact any business in the middle of the night and bade him return.—*manana*. He went away vowing to have the law on me if I failed to pay up the first thing in the morning.

I had ridden sixty miles to reach that town the day before. But I had also enjoyed some experience with Spanish law as she is administered in South America. I deposited a sufficient sum to pay for my lodging on my pillow, went out to the stable, saddled my horse and rode out of town, back toward the seat of war. I did not stop until I had put many miles between myself and that cable office. A long time afterward, in Martinique, I learned that it had all been a mistake. The editor, staggered by the heavy demand for cable toll had at first refused to receive my despatch, but, changing his mind later, under the stress of a scarcity of news perhaps, had taken the "story." At all events it was printed in display type on his front page and handsome remittance for it was paid to my agent at home.

It may be inferred from the above that the cable and telegraph tolls on a "story" from some remote quarter of the world will often far exceed the price that is paid for it to the correspondent. In the case of high-priced correspondents the expenses on this score will be nearly even. *C'est la guerre*. As Moltke among others, is credited with saying: "War means money; more money,—and again money." To make a good war correspondent it takes money,—an abundance of money. The best credentials a special correspondent can carry in a foreign land are plenty of cash, preferably in gold, and a good letter of credit.

Even some diplomatic address and an occasional pointed letter of introduction, the other necessary credentials will follow of their own accord. Even without credentials, and without a knowledge of the language of the country, money will talk. I, for one, had rather talk sign language to a peasant or common soldier with a piece of money in my hand, than undertake to pay him off with words revealing a complete command of his native idiom.

It is when overcoming such difficulties as the lack of ready money, lack of proper credentials and lack of idiom that the truly efficient war correspondent reveals his mettle. After all, the most valuable asset in the war correspondent's make-up is will power. Even the indispensable factor of good health comes after that. It takes will power to secure your original commission to act as war correspondent,—will power to obtain the right credentials,—will power to get away,—will power to reach the front and to keep up with the fighting,—will power to get your despatches out, and will power to balk the censor. In the end it may require will power to collect your earnings.

Incidentally it takes money,—lots of it,—robust health with all that goes with it: such as capacity for hard work, an indestructible appetite, readiness to eat, drink or smoke anything, elastic capacity for sleep, indifference toward hunger, thirst, cold, heat, draughts, wettings, fatigue, vermin, evil smells or general discomfort; a knack for hard tramping, horsemanship, the management of a boat, and swimming,—in short strenuous vitality and physical courage;—a sympathetic attitude toward firearms; a gift for picking up idioms and dialects in addition to the actual command of at least three European languages; an easy familiarity with polite usages and the requirements of etiquette, backed up by good social and official letters of introduction; a fondness for sport; broad tolerance of national, religious and political differences; a ready knowledge of geography, modern history and international politics; a love for truth for truth's sake; common sense; an even temper; and lastly a gift for literary expression, with some experience in photography thrown in.

All these attainments and attributes go toward the making of the ideal war correspondent. Though a man be endowed with all these talents and several others besides, it will avail him little without will power and determination. They alone, in a war correspondent, are the qualities that will move mountains.

Bright Future for Miami.

Miami University is a State Institution and all her friends are interested in what the State is doing for her. Under the present arrangements we receive \$50,000 a year, on the tax duplicate, which goes to the support of all departments of the University. The General

Assembly has made a special appropriation this year of \$25,000, making a total of \$75,000 for this year.

In addition to the \$50,000 tax levy, the Legislature has made a levy of \$40,000, which brings up the annual State support to \$90,000. Adding to this the income from lands in Oxford Township and on permanent investments, our annual income will exceed \$100,000, making us the second institution in the State in financial support.

The legislature also appropriated \$40,000 to build a Woman's Dormitory. The plans and specifications for this building were prepared by Patton and Miller, college architects, of Chicago. At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on May third, these plans were adopted. Advertisements for bids were ordered. The bids will be opened on June tenth, and the contract will be let at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on June fourteenth. This building is to be modern in every respect. It will accommodate one hundred lady students as boarders and roomers, in addition to the Dean, housekeeper, and other employees. President Benton was authorized by the Board of Trustees to secure a suitable person as Dean of Women, and he is now in correspondence with the authorities of the leading educational institutions of the east, intending to find a woman of broadest culture for this position. The President has also been authorized to secure a first-class housekeeper for the Woman's Building.

The Board of Trustees authorized the architects to prepare plans and specifications for additions to Brice Scientific Hall, with a view of trebling the working capacity. This building with its additions will be one of the most imposing structures on the Campus, and will give Miami University one of the best Science Buildings in the middle west. It is expected that the contract for this building will also be let in June and that it will be ready for occupancy by next Fall term.

These improvements are certainly timely. Miami has the largest Freshman Class that she has had in years, and there are good prospects for increased growth. Greater needs demand larger equipment and better accommodations. Every student, alumnus, and friend of Miami feels grateful to the Legislators and Governor of Ohio for this magnanimous response. And President Benton deserves our gratitude and praise for his untiring work this winter in pushing these things to a successful issue.

May.

Oh! Dearest time of all the year,
Thy joyous beauty now is here—
Thy springing flowers so gay, so dear;
It is the month of May.
I love thy woods, I love thy skies,
Thy fragrant breeze that purifies,
Thy singing birds that build near by
Throughout the glorious day.

My path is now all strewn with flowers;
The blue-bird warbles in the bowers;
Nature's straining all her powers
To tell us it is May.
Fair month so lovely, calm and free,
Thou hast won my heart to thee;
May you ever dwell with me
For many future days.

R. D. B., '04.



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Editorial.

The next issue of the STUDENT, and the last for this year will be the Commencement number, and will not appear until about the last of June.

A mass meeting of the students was held in the Chapel, May second, for the purpose of electing an assistant business manager and editor-in-chief for next year. From the names presented by the Faculty Committee, Mr. A. L. Kaye, '06, was elected to the former position, and Mr. G. C. Fisher, '05, to the latter. Mr. Fisher has had charge of a department of the STUDENT during this year and has proven himself one of the most competent and energetic of our editors. The STUDENT extends congratulations and sympathy, and wishes unbounded success to the new management.

To The
Class
of 1906

It will be up to next year's Junior class as it has been to no other one. There are many reasons why the class of '06 ought to re-establish a custom that existed here a few years ago. We refer to the publication of a college "annual."

Miami is one of a very few colleges that are lacking in this respect; many high schools, even, are ahead of her. A decade ago, for several consecutive years, Miami published an annual, the "Recensio;" then its publication was allowed to lapse. There has been more or less spasmodic discussion in recent years of reviving this, but no one has been sufficiently interested to push it along. It is a duty that appropriately falls to the junior class, and as we said above "it is up to them" next year. There is no more perfect "mirror to college life" than the annual; and besides many of them, those from small colleges too, are models of art.

Opportunity is given for a class to display what literary or artistic ability it may have, or to exercise its originality in many other ways.

Financial reasons would probably be the first objections urged. But not many worthy projects fail for this reason. A popular subscription price would get almost every student and many alumni, the more recent in particular. Advertising could be secured by a little hustling. Not next fall, but now is the time to begin, by getting the class really interested and electing a board of editors. Let us see this monument to the industry of 1906.

*The
Campus
Paths.* They're all here—the harbingers of spring: the tennis fiend and his brother, the golfer; the baseball man clad in his suit of cardinal, and the track athlete in his fig leaf; weary brains and “soggy” clothes; long recitation hours and droning instructors; benches on the campus and chapel cuts; these are, if you wish, the glories of beauteous spring. But what about the “bill boards” in most conspicuous places on the campus. They are necessary, of course—a necessary evil, as things have existed here the past year. But they ought not to be. To many it has been a source of pain all year to see the campus disfigured by ugly paths. With some new students who have left their footprints on the grass, ignorance of the damage they do may be pleaded as an excuse; with others, the chronic loafing habit and tendency to short cuts is the only excuse. It is an affront to the artistic sense of every student to have these silent sentinels staring him in the face at the entrance to every short cut. Let us compel their removal by making them superfluous.

University Notes.

On April sixteenth the Class in Industrial Chemistry, accompanied by Prof. R. M. Hughes, made an excursion to Hamilton. While there they were shown through the First National Bank, the Beckett Paper Mill, the Hamilton-Otto Coke Works, the Electric Light Plant, the City Gas Works, and the City Water Works. The trip was very interesting and instructive. One thing learned by the Class was that what the textbook says is true.

The Thursday evening meeting of April fourteenth was led by Dr. W. A. Eckels. He gave a fluent, earnest, helpful talk on the theme, “The Firm Foundation of God Standeth,” from II Timothy, 2:19.

Wilbur O'Byrne, Will Thompson, and Elroy Storer left on April thirtieth, for St. Louis where they will work while they take in the Exposition.

The following students from the Biological Department will do special work this summer: C. E. Brown, at the Ohio State University Lake Laboratory, located at Sandusky on Lake Erie; C. E. Pattison and G. C. Fisher, at the Marine Biological Laboratory of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, located near Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island.

C. E. Shinkle has been appointed first alternate to an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. He is now attending a special training school at Annapolis where he is preparing for the entrance examination to the Academy.

G. C. Fisher has been elected student member of the Union Lyceum Course Committee for the year 1904-1905.

We notice that L. C. Turner has been distinguishing himself at baseball. He is playing center-field or catcher on the University of Michigan Team. In their game with Albion College on April twentieth, Turner made four hits, three of which were two-base hits. He scored two runs.

Mrs. Richards led the Thursday evening meeting on April twenty-first. She talked in her interesting and earnest manner on the "Humanity of Christ."

On Thursday evening, April twenty-eighth, President Benton led the devotional meeting. He based his talk upon the parable of the fig-tree. It seemed natural to hear Dr. Benton again on Thursday evening. These meetings are greatly appreciated and are well attended, due in great measure to the personality of President Benton.

The meeting of the Dayton Presbytery in the Miami Chapel on Monday evening, April eleventh, was addressed by President Benton. His subject was, "What Can the State University Do for the Church?" Among the interesting statements he made was that Miami University had given to Presbyterianism more distinguished ministers and laymen than any other institution between the Alleghanies and the Rockies. The meeting was also addressed by Dean T. L. Feeney on the subject, "What Can the Church Do for the State University?" Both this and that of President Benton were masterful speeches.

The devotional exercises at the Chapel service on Tuesday morning, April twelfth, were conducted by Rev. J. N. McMillan, pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, of Dayton, who was Moderator of the Presbytery. After these exercises, five minute talks were made by Dr. J. R. Jones, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, Ohio, and Rev. Merle H. Anderson, pastor of the Third Street Presbyterian Church of Dayton.

Boston Festival Orchestra.

On Monday evening of May second, the people of Oxford had the privilege of enjoying a concert given at Miami Chapel, by the Boston Festival Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Emil Mollenhauer. This orchestra is composed of fifty musicians and five soloists and is to be one of the special attractions at the World's Fair at St. Louis this summer.

The program consisted of several numbers by the orchestra, a solo by Mr. Martin and the third act of Faust given in concert form. The large audience appreciated the excellence of the rendition, which was one of the best, if not the best musical performance ever given in Oxford.

University Service.

The Twelfth University Service was held in the Miami Chapel, on Sunday, April seventeenth, at 2:30 P. M. We had the special privilege of hearing, as preacher, Dr. Andrew Dousa Hepburn, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. He is the senior member of the Faculty, and it was with reverent interest that we listened to his careful analysis of his theme. The Girls' Chorus of Miami University assisted in this service with some special music which was very creditable.

Following is the program:

1. Voluntary—Traumerei *Schuman, Arr. by Myers*
UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA.
2. Hymn—"Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" . . *Isaac Watts*
CHORUS AND CONGREGATION.
3. Apostles' Creed.
4. Prayer.
5. Scripture Reading—Matt. XXII: 1-14.
6. Chorus—"Lift Up Thine Eyes" *Fillmore*
7. Sermon—"Parable of the Marriage Feast," Matt. XXII: 1-14.
8. Closing Prayer.
9. Hymn—"I Need Thee Every Hour" *Rev. Robert Lowry*
10. Benediction.
11. Postlude

UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA.

Biological Club.

The Biological Club held its regular bi-weekly meeting in the Biology Lecture Room in Brice Scientific Hall, on Tuesday evening, May third. Dr. S. R. Williams reviewed an article "Theories of Ciliary Movement," by E. A. Schäfer, Edinburgh, in the *Anatomischer Anzeiger*,

23 März, 1904. A. C. Olson reviewed "Protozoa and Disease," by Gary N. Calkins, Ph. D., Columbia University, in the *Century Magazine*, April, 1904. C. E. Brown reviewed "The Yellow Pine Lumber Industry in the South," by W. Watson Davis, in *Review of Reviews*, April, 1904. C. E. Pattison reviewed "Adaptations to Aquatic, Arboreal, Fossorial and Cursorial Habits in Mammals," by Louis I. Dublin, and "Mutation in Plants," by Dr. D. T. MacDougal, in *The American Naturalist*, November, 1903.

Following is mentioned some of the literature that has been reviewed at previous meetings: By Dr. Williams—The Mucous Glands of the Esophagus in Reptiles," and "Jacobson's Organ," in *Anatomischer Anzeiger*, 6 Februar, 1904; and "A Text-Book of Embryology," by C. S. Minot. By C. E. Brown—first two chapters in Furnow's "Economics of Forestry;" and "The Cardinal Principles of Ecology," by Prof. W. F. Ganong, in *Science*, March 25, 1904. By G. C. Fisher—"Tropical Station at Cinchona, Jamaica," by Dr. N. L. Britton, in *Popular Science Monthly*, March, 1904; and "A Method of Removing Chick Embryos," by F. C. Waite, Medical Department of Western Reserve University, in the *Journal of Applied Microscopy and Laboratory Methods*, November, 1903.

By this method of reviewing current literature and discussing it, each member of the Club is enabled to keep in touch with a wider field of the productions than would otherwise be possible in the midst of school work.

Death of Prof. Arnold.

Word reached us some weeks ago of the death of George Dagley Arnold, for two years, 1900-2, professor of Physical Training at Miami. After leaving Miami in June, 1902, he accepted a similar position at the University of Illinois, which he was soon after compelled to give up because of nervous breakdown. His continuous work in the gymnasium, while it brought the utmost nicety to his profession, was too much of a strain for a constitution not naturally strong. He was a young man of great promise and his death, at the age of twenty-seven, came as a shock to his friends in Oxford. He died at the home of his grandparents in Carlisle, Indiana, where he was living in quiet in the hope of restoring his health.

Mathematical Club.

The April meeting of the Mathematical Club was held on Friday evening, the twenty-ninth, beginning at four o'clock. It was held in the Mathematics Room, No. 20, Main Building, and was presided over by Prof. E. P. Thompson.

E. F. Schweickart, who is a member of the class in Astromony, gave a talk on the "April Aspect of the Heavens." He named and located the principal constellations which are visible in April, and mentioned the first magnitude stars, the most important nebulae, the finest star-clusters and double-stars, etc., which they contain. He gave some data on Brooks' Comet which has lately been discovered in the constellation Hercules. He also reminded us that the year 1904 is a date of maximum frequency of sun-spots, and that some fine ones are now visible. The talk was very interesting.

Dean T. L. Feeney gave an interesting and thoughtful talk on "The Value and Place of Arithmetic in the Schools." He discussed the subject from the standpoint of practicability, that is, as a basis of making a living; and from the intellectual standpoint, that is, as a basis of culture; and from the standpoint of its ethical value. He stated that the study of arithmetic strengthens the moral fibre, and that its greatest value is the ethical.

Prof. E. P. Thompson reported on the Organization Meeting of Ohio Teachers of Mathematics and Science, which was held at Columbus on April second. He gave some interesting brief abstracts of a few papers that were presented by Ohio mathematicians at this meeting. He also discussed laboratory methods in Mathematics.

Y. W. C. A.

This month, the prayer meetings of our association have been well attended, and a very helpful series of subjects has been presented.

The girls have been busy in raising funds for sending the delegates to the Geneva conference. By the plan adopted by the association, each girl earns her own donation. Many ways have been used and evidences of the work have been seen in the University halls in the form of tables of sandwiches and candy.

The mission study class has been studying the history of missions in China during the past month. The first meeting this term was of a social nature, at which Miss Anna Williams gave an extremely interesting talk on China.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The time of the Sunday meetings was changed for the spring term to 1:15 p. m.

April third Homer Meek considered "Four Views of a Man's Life." His analysis was clear and thoughtful.

April tenth the Association president, A. Lyle Kaye, gave a talk on "The Purpose of a College Man." He gave a very strong, helpful talk

dwelling on the influence of the *Morning Watch*, citing remarks by other presidents at Granville Convention.

G. C. Fisher reviewed the "Three Years of College Life" applying the influence of the daily studies, and environments of our college life on the mental, physical and spiritual life of the individual.

The handbook committee have commenced work for the 1904 edition. It will be equal if not better than last year's book, which was such an aid to the new student.

The Mission Study Class has commenced a new text book "The New Era in The Philippines" by Arthur Judson Brown, D. D. It is endorsed by John R. Mott as the best book on a mission field which has thus far appeared.

Athletics.

Franklin vs. Miami.

The season was to have been opened with DePauw University on April twenty-fifth, but the game was cancelled on account of rain. The first game was played with Franklin College, Saturday, April thirtieth. It was an easy victory for Franklin and served to show wherein the Miami team was weak. Inability to hit the ball and nervousness in fielding being responsible for the defeat. The score was as follows:

FRANKLIN	AB	R	H	E	MIAMI	AB	R	H	E
Webb 2	5	2	3	0	Wood, SS	4	0		1
Branigen, CF	4	2	1	0	C. Waldon, C	3	0		
E. Duggan, C	3	1	1	0	Coleman, 2	3	0	1	1
Jewett, SS	4		1	0	Stout, RF	4	0		
Roach, 1	3		1	0	Dierck, 1	3	0	1	
Thompson, LF	5			0	Markley, CF	4	0		
Wiley, RF	4	2	1	0	Welliver, 3	3	0		5
Schuler, 3	4	1		0	McLaughlin, LF	3	0	1	1
J. Duggan P	5	2	2	0	H. Waldon, P	3	0		1
	37	10	10	0		30	0	3	9

Struck out by Duggan, 12; by Waldon, 9; bases on balls Duggan, 3; Waldon, 5; hit by pitched ball, Duggan, 2; Waldon, 3; umpire, Stone.

K. S. C. vs. Miami.

One of the finest games ever played on the home grounds was that of May sixth. The day was ideal and the diamond in excellent shape. A good sized crowd witnessed the contest. The bright star of the Miami team was Clarence Waldon, who put up a fine game as catcher, and out

of five times at bat, made three two-base hits, and one single. Howard Waldon at pitcher played an excellent game, and fielded his position to perfection. Following is the line up:

K. S. C.		MIAMI
Darling	SS	Wood
Grady	C	C. Waldon
Gullen	2B	Coleman
St. Johns	1B	Dierck
T. Gerry	3B	Robinson
Montgomery	RF	Stout
Downing	CF	Long
R. Gerry	LF	Markley
South	P	H. Waldon

Hits, by Miami, 8; K. S. C., 7; errors, Miami, 5; K. S. C., 2; struck out, by Waldon, 6; South, 8; score Miami, 4; K. S. C., 3; umpire, Stone.

Alumni.

1890—Perry Wilson Jenkins who is the Professor of Astronomy in Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, has recently been appointed to the Fellowship in Astronomy of the University of Chicago and assigned to Yerkes Observatory. His work will be in Mathematical Mechanics and Solar Physics with the hope of finding his doctor's thesis in the latter subject. The Executive Board of Lawrence University have offered him a leave of absence. Professor Jenkins is to be congratulated upon his success.

1895—Dr. Frank DuBois, late army surgeon in the Philippines, has begun the practise of medicine in Liberty, Indiana, in partnership with Dr. Morris of that city.

1899—Dr. M. F. Vereker was married April twenty-fifth to Miss Pearl Neidemer of Kitchel, Indiana. They will make their home at Kitchel where already Dr. Vereker has a wide practice.

1899—Mr. J. R. Simpson, has recently been appointed one of the managers of the Chicago office of Hapgoods, the national organization of brain brokers. He was formerly chief accountant for the Western Electric Co.

1900—Roy Temple House will teach French in Miami University during the summer school. He will take the place of Professor Brandon who goes to France this summer. Mr. House has been a professor in French Language and Literature in the Central High School, St. Louis, during the past year.

1901—Charles R. Coulter graduates this spring from the law school at Ann Arbor, Michigan. He will enter into a law office in New York City soon after his graduation.

Ex-'04—Frank G. Tappan, son of former President Tappan, a student at Miami through his sophomore year is now a Senior at W. & J. In a recent inter-collegiate Track Meet, in which some of the best Universities of the country had teams entered, Mr. Tappan distinguished himself by winning the relay race for his team.

Social Events.

One of the most elaborate and delightful social functions of the season was the promenade concert given at Oxford College, Saturday evening, April ninth. Guests from Indianapolis, Columbus, Springfield, Louisville, Lexington, Cincinnati, and Hamilton, and many students of Miami University and Oxford friends were present. The halls were beautifully decorated with palms and many of the ladies carried white and red roses which added much to the attractions of the evening. The guests were received by President Robinson, Miss Gorham, Miss Blanchard, Miss Flower, Miss Kueffner and Miss Thayer of the faculty assisted by Mrs. Munns, Mrs. Hoke, Mrs. Bonham and Mrs. Alexander. At eight o'clock President Robinson and Mrs. Munns, followed by Miss Gorham and Mrs. Alexander and the other patronesses led the way to the library. At the chapel doors they were joined by the students and their guests, making a pretty grand march. Dr. George Blanchard, of Dayton and Miss Lelia Corbin of the senior class, led the student line. Dainty refreshments were served in the chapel. Excellent music was furnished by Hess of Hamilton. The generous hospitality of the ladies of Oxford College will be long remembered and their "Prom" recalled as one of the most enjoyable events of the College year.

Mr. Henry Peabody, of Boston, Mass., gave an illustrated lecture before the students of Western College, Friday evening, April fifteenth, using for his theme, "In the Footsteps of Cortez." Mr. Peabody is a man of wide experience and an able lecturer. By request on Saturday evening he gave a second illustrated lecture entitled "Arizona and the Grand Canon." Both lectures were well chosen and the beautiful pictures were interesting to the audience.

The Oxford College Glee Club assisted by Messrs Hooven, Sullenger, Keller, Marshall and Pye, under the direction of Miss Thayer, Miss Ostrander and Miss Hamilton gave a musical entertainment Saturday evening, April sixteenth. The entertainment was of the most pleas-

ing character and was well received by all present. The evening opened with the comedietta, "A Petticoat Perfidy," by Misses Steele, Talby and Lowry. The participants showed careful and artistic training. The "Trial by Jury" was exceedingly interesting and those who took part deserve much credit for the excellent manner in which the various parts were rendered. The chorus under the direction of Miss Thayer, was assisted by Miss Hamilton accompanist, Miss Hite, plaintiff, Mr. Hooven, defendant, Mr. Marshall, council to plaintiff, Mr. Sullenberger, judge, Mr. Keller, usher, and Mr. Pye, foreman of the jury. The bridesmaids appropriately dressed in white and carrying wreathes of smilax performed their part in an excellent manner. The program was highly appreciated by all present.

The Annual Senior Reception at the Western College was given Tuesday evening, April nineteenth. A large number of guests from Oxford and the neighboring towns were present and royally entertained by the young ladies of the Western College. The halls and parlors were handsomely decorated by the various classes in their colors, flags and class flowers. President McKee and Dean Sawyer were assisted in receiving by the class chaperon Miss Porter, and the members of the Senior Class. The sweet strains of the harp added much to the pleasure of the evening. Dainty refreshments were served in the College Chapel and each guest was given a souvenir booklet. The evening quickly passed and not until a late hour did the guests depart feeling that a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

At Oxford College on Tuesday evening, April twenty-sixth, Miss Augusta Cottlow rendered a delightful musical program. Miss Cottlow received much of her musical training in Europe. Returning to this country three years ago she has given many entertainments with unequalled appreciation and but few take a higher rank before the musical public than Miss Cottlow. The program was pleasing throughout.

Mrs. Benton's Reception

A very pretty reception was given by Mrs. Benton Tuesday afternoon, April twenty-seventh, in honor of her friend Miss Wildman of Chicago, sister of Prof. Wildman. At this reception all the musical friends from the Western College and town were present, and Miss Wildman who is a musician of great ability gave several beautiful selections on the piano. Among the several pieces played Sinding's "Rustle of Spring" and Schubert "Hark, Hark the Lark" were beyond comparison. Miss Wildman's charming personality as well as her musical skill

show how much she deserves the place that society has given her. After the musicale ice-cream and cake were served in the dining room.

Thursday evening, May fifth, Miss Wildman gave a complimentary organ recital at the M. E. church. An enthusiastic audience was present. She was assisted in the program by Misses Bushnell and Swezey of the Western College.

Normal Notes.

A number of our girls attended the meeting of the Southwestern Ohio Teacher's Association at Middletown, Saturday, April twenty-third. They report an excellent and profitable meeting and a good attendance. Several members of the faculty also were present at the meeting, among them, Dean Minnich, Miss Logan and Prof. Feeney.

On Saturday evening, April sixteenth, the Normal class of '04 entertained the members of the Normal School Faculty in the east wing of the building. The room was transformed into a very pretty dining room decorated in the class colors, gold and white. The features of the evening were the bright and witty toasts delivered by the members of the faculty, Miss Luella Crugar acting as toast mistress.

On Thursday evening, April twenty-first, the class of '04 was very delightfully entertained at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Minnich. Their home was artistically decorated for the occasion. Dainty refreshments were served by members of the class of '05.

Professor Minnich recently delivered class addresses at Rainsborough, Highland Co., and at West Manchester, Preble Co.

We are glad to mention the fact that Miss Hallie Moon has received an appointment as teacher in the Blanchester schools. We extend to her our best wishes for success.

Dean Minnich and family left Wednesday, April twenty-seventh, for a visit of about six weeks to Los Angeles, California. Dean Minnich goes as a lay delegate to the General Conference of the M. E. church which is now in session at that place. We miss our Dean very much, but feel at the same time that the school has been left in good hands. With Miss Logan and Prof. Parker left as our advisers we will not feel Dean Minnich's absence as much as we otherwise would.

We are glad to notice that new students are constantly coming into our department from different parts of the state. We wish them a profitable term's work at Miami.

It is with deep regret that we mention the death of Mrs. Angell's mother, which occurred recently. We extend to her our sympathy in her great bereavement.

At the meeting of the Pierian Literary Society, April twenty-sixth, the girls were greatly honored, having as their guests three charming, *well-dressed* young ladies, Misses Irwin, Meranda and Gilcrest.

We are delighted to have with us this term, Prof. Warren Darst, Lecturer on Pedagogy, who will deliver a series of lectures, open to all students in the University. Those of us who were here last year remember with pleasure our work under Prof. Darst and are very glad to welcome him back to Miami once more. We are sure that his lectures will be both profitable and pleasant and advise all who can to enter his classes.

Locals

There was quite a good crowd at the open air concert on May second.

Several of the small boys had a job in Hamilton carrying water for Ringling Bros. elephant.

John East has decided to play golf, provided somebody will hit the ball for him.

Everett lost a suit of clothes. Kinsey under suspicion.

Commodore got a hit in the Franklin game.

Several of Oxford College Juniors have applied to the Bell Telephone Co., for a position. Pole climbing preferred.

The Trustees became enthused at their last meeting and gave a college yell.

Si Hummin late of the Summer school has reentered. Watch for him.

Shinkle has left school having been appointed an alternate to the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Miss Geiser "Do they call it pig-iron because it runs in a trough."

The Iun has started a dairy.

Paul Robinson is wearing Beta colors.

Eidemiller will do the heavy work for the Freshman class on field day.

Olson is interne at Munus'.

Commodore has joined 'Cooch' Gaines in his daily walks past the college.

The Local Editor did not have to be escorted around after the issue of last month's STUDENT.

The University has decided to set aside Sunday for the Co-eds to play tennis.

Prof Hadsel has a tandem. Smile sweetly girls.

Seniors are enjoying their exemption from Chapel.

Miss Goff now leads in the popularity contest.

Stebbins' Pride was Wrecked on May seventeenth.



THE EXCHANGE

Wittenberger publishes an article entitled "The Honor of a Gentleman" that is very good and brings out ideas most nearly approaching the ideal examination. It is true, as *Wittenberger* says, that one is tempted, when he knows classmates are getting grades dishonestly to cheat rather than fail, but there is honor in such failure. In some schools the only check upon examination conduct is the signing upon leaving the room the following: "I pledge my honor as a gentleman that I have neither given nor received aid during this examination," and it is found to work better than taking each student to be a thief and trying not to prevent him from stealing but to catch him in the act and tell him of it. Someone has said that if he were ever to steal it would be when treated as a thief and being watched. This however only indicates weakness.

Of *O. S. U. Lantern* it may be said Miami takes great interest in its cartoons. We trust some day the artful artist will give us a likeness of himself. *O. S. U.* played ball at Oxford once and appeared to play upon honor; they boasted they would change the score when Miami played at Columbus. In their own minds they did change it, their organs

heralded the result triumphant. Verily "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country and in his own house."

A LAY OF ANCIENT ROME.

Oh! the Roman was a rogue,
He erat was, you bettum;
He ran his automobilis
And smoked his cigarettum,
He wore a diamond studilus,
An elegant cravatium,
A maxima cum lauda shirt,
And such a stylish hattum.

He loved the luscious hic,-hac,-hoc,
And bet on games and equi
At times he won, at other though
He got it in the neque;
He winked (quo us que tandem).
At Puellas on the Forum,
And sometimes even made those goo-
goo oculorum.

—*Harvard Lampoon*

EPIGRAMMATIC.

Buxom boy,
Cigarettes
Little grave,
Violets.

—*E.V.*

PROFESSOR'S SOLILOQUY.

Go, lowly grade,
Tell him that wastes his time and me,
That now he knows
When he begins his bluff with me—
How green and crude he seems to be.

—*M. S. U. Independent.*

Cento is a success. What more could we say? The last issue contained an article on the good old custom of book burials—the sweet sad funerals by classes noted for something more than their brilliancy. Would that we might see it at Miami. At Danville they buried Calculus. Lamenting (?) *Cento* quotes:

"The dead though they depart return
As though they had not died.

To this we could not add if we would, and would not if we could, unless indeed we quoted "wherefore was this waste."

"LE PETIT DIABLE" IN NEW YORK.

Miami foot-ball men may be interested to hear that Mr. Edgar Fauver of Centre has entered the Horace Mann School, New York. Ed, better known as Centre's "Le Petit Diable," played good ball for his college and his departure is regretted.

The ones who think our jokes are poor,
Would straightway change their views,
Could they compare the jokes we print
To those that we refuse.

—*Wittenberger*

M. S. U. Independent, your advertisements are unusually good this time. We would like an explanation from "Beery, the Presser," whose article appeared on page 18 No. 20. Some Miami people however got into trouble trying to follow your

O cut ye when the class cuts;

O, list to its behest,

The students need a holiday,

The profs don't mind a rest.

Purdue Exponent, we would thank you for an occasional copy of your paper if you cannot send it regularly.

Reserve Weekly, we very much appreciated your "Matthew Arnold's literary criticism," such articles are always pleasing.

Oberlin Review do you not think it false economy to crowd your exchanges or leave them out entirely.

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FLUNK, FLUNK, FLUNK.

Flunk, flunk, flunk,
On those blamed old tests, O Sports!
And I would that my tongue could utter
The woes that oppress my thoughts.

O, well for the studious boy,
That he digged by night and day!
O, well for the cunning lad,
That he skillfully cheated his way.

The dread exams come on
With their train of attendant woe:
But O for the thoughts that will not come
And the answers I never did know!

Flunk, flunk, flunk,
To their sorrow and shame, O, Drone!
But the jolly times of my indolent days
Cannot for my woes atone.

—*Eu. Gene, in Cento.*

BEFORE EXAMS.

O God of Hosts be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget,

AFTER EXAMS.

The Lord of Hosts, be with us not,
For we forgot, for we forgot.

—*Transylvanian.*

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—*Old Hughes.*

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I

The sun may go down in glory
'Midst purple, and crimson, and gold,
Or sink on an evening dreary
In a leaden gray and cold
But the splendor always fadeth,
And the cold gray turns to black;
And the night has won her victory;
And that day can not come back.

II

Only as pleasant memory,
If the scroll of time be unrolled,
The days gone by return again—
Past as a tale that is told.
They may have been bright or dreary—
They fade in the mist of the years,
Growing still dimmer and dimmer,
Whether filled with our laughter or tears.

III

Some hopes realized, it may be;
The most can have but begun—
The joys of the life but tasted,
And now that the life is done,
A feeling of sadness comes stealing
That blends with the joys of the night,
And gives to their little splendor
A softer and tenderer light.

IV

And if a poem unfinished
I must give to you tonight,
The life itself seems unfinished;

And the poem I meant to write,
Pulsing with joy and life,
With a perfect rhythm and rhyme,
With a beauty of tone and cadence
Like a great cathedral chime,

V

May remain unwritten forever;
But ever while memory lasts
Its burden will still keep ringing
The joys here known, but past.
Past, but not lost forever;
For the old lives again in the new,
With a wider and deeper meaning;
And if heaven's clearest blue
Must fade to the darkness of night,
Lo, often through colors of richer hue,
Comes promise of other and beautiful days,
For all there is yet to do.

HERBERT MOORE HUGHES.

The Railroad Problem in the United States.

PRIZE ORATION BY JOHN L. KINSEY.

One of the most vital problems before the American people today is that which deals with the railways and their management. The reason why it is so important within the boundaries of our own country is because the railway industry is the foundation upon which every other industry is built. The agriculturalist, the miner, the manufacturer, all, who are in any way connected with the various occupations of our own country, are dependent upon the railways; and, without the facilities for transportation, they would be driven out of existence.

Owing to this great necessity of carrying trade and the inadequacy of the private railway system, all of the leading European nations are moving toward a system of national ownership. Germany and Belgium, two of the leading manufacturing nations of the world, have adopted it, greatly to the advantage of their industrial interests.

Not only does the system of government ownership offer increased industrial advantages, but under such a system, all transactions are open to the public eye. Publicity in railway management, says C. J. Harris

in his report of the Industrial Commission, cannot be too strongly emphasized. The records of our national banking system and post-office department are kept open to anyone who may wish to inspect them; but such is not the condition in the management of our railways, as can be easily shown by citing the Emery, Weaver and Logan case.

This trial was held in 1890 and decided in favor of the Pennsylvania Railway Company. The auditor and assistant auditor of that road testified that there had been no rebates given since 1887, the date of the interstate commerce act. Testimony of the defendant proved that \$43,101.00 had been received by the Bear Creek Oil Refining Company alone. After much delay and difficulty the court summoned the Company to produce its books. They were actually brought to the place of trial, but never examined, because large sums were offered to the plaintiff to prevent examination. Emery's partners, much discouraged, for the case had then been in court over two years, and unable to carry the case further, accepted the sum of \$35,000, and the Pennsylvania Company paid the expenses of the suit. This is only one of the many similar cases published in the senate reports, teaching us the unfair means used by private railway companies to prevent a just hearing in our own state and national courts. Such fraudulent acts would be impossible under government control, for the public eye is carefully guarding the actions of the government. Without publicity in the managements of railroads, the national government with the highest tribunals in the land is unable to protect our citizens from such gigantic frauds. Consequently, it is only by nationalization of the Railroad that we can be certain of securing thorough-going publicity in the management; and it is an absurdity that the affairs of an institution of such public concern as the railroads should be the secrets of private individuals and corporations.

Private railway management has not only destroyed publicity, but it has developed discrimination, that power at the present time which is fostering and building up the trusts of our nation. I quote from Mr. Rice, a distinguished member of the Industrial Commission, who claims with great emphasis that railway discrimination is the father and breeder of all trusts. "Were it not," says he, "for discrimination, neither the Standard Oil Company nor any of the oppressive combinations could exist." Statistics show that the rapid growth of this company between 1870 and 1880 was almost entirely due to railway discrimination.

John D. Rockefeller, the multi-millionaire, boastingly said that members of the Standard did not hesitate to tell competing refineries that they were receiving large rebates from the railroads. On account

of these decided advantages, largely influenced by discrimination and the threatening remarks made by members of the Standard Oil Company, twenty-one of the leading refineries were compelled to go out of existence in the city of Cleveland on a single day. Is not our public welfare assaulted when a monopoly is able to dictate such terms and crush the competing interests of the whole nation?

Permanent, oppressive and general absorption of any industry into a monopoly is possible only when it can be allied to some natural monopoly upon which all competitors depend for equal use. A railroad running through a given territory is a natural monopoly to transport both raw material and the finished product. If one factory receives rebates it is natural that it can crush its competitors, and the way to the creation of monopoly is easy. Without this unfair alliance a purely capitalistic monopoly such as the Standard Oil Company would not be feared, for the remunerative income would draw other capital into the field, thus creating competitors and destroying the power to create a monopoly. The heart of the whole situation with reference to the monopolies is the railroads.

Until discrimination is suppressed, unfair, cut-throat and oppressive monopoly cannot be prevented. When this discrimination is stopped such monopoly will practically cease without further legislation. Competitors cannot be crushed out without this unfair advantage. They will stand their ground: they can get the capital and the brains and the energy if they are allowed equal treatment in transportation. Railroads are natural monopolies,—inevitably a monopoly of somebody,—and that somebody has power to crush competition, a power too great to be in the hands of private individuals or bodies corporate.

If the people of this great American commonwealth do their duty, if they act with firmness and moderation, the growing power of the trusts and oppressive monopolies will not prevail. Among the true political sentiments, the love of equality which destroys all discrimination between individuals and opens the way for publicity, should be uppermost in every true American heart. Freedom and equality and an equal voice in making the laws which regulate the commercial welfare of the whole nation are among the fundamental principles of our constitution. And I conclude by saying that if the national government fails to assume control of the railroads, all interstate commercial power will soon pass into a monopoly of private owners who will hold in their possession the power to build up or crush down at their will, the industries of the whole nation.

Lake Erie Student Conference.

The Lake Erie Student Conference, which is held under the auspices of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, was held again this year at Lakeside, Ohio.

The Conference lasted ten days—from June seventeenth to the twenty-sixth. There were about three hundred students in attendance from the various colleges of Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ontario. The Miami delegation was rather small this year—only four representatives. They were: Charles McLaughlin, Homer Meek, Harry Newman and Clyde Fisher. These men report a very pleasant and profitable experience.

The main features of the daily program were: Conference on the Home Problems of the Church—Dr. A. L. Phillips, of Richmond, Va.; Conference on the Organization and Work of the Student Volunteer Band—Mr. Paul L. Corbin; Group Bible Study Classes, Mission Study Classes, Missionary Institute, Conference on College Association Work, Platform Meetings addressed by Bishop William F. McDowell, Robert E. Speer and others; Life Work Meetings, Conference on Personal Work—Dr. H. A. Johnston.

Besides these men, others of note were present and spoke. Among them were: Prof. Edward I. Bosworth, of the Oberlin Theological Seminary, John R. Mott, G. K. Shurtleff, of Cleveland, Sherwood Eddy, of Madras, India, and Mr. W. R. Hotchkiss.

It is not only the exceptional privilege of hearing such men as these that makes the Lakeside Conference enjoyable, but a large part of the pleasure comes from the association with the men from other colleges.

The afternoons are given up to recreation, and such sports as baseball, tennis, rowing, bathing, quoits, etc., are entered into with spirit. Three ball games each afternoon are played between the different college delegations. One afternoon is given up to all kinds of competitive water sports, and one afternoon to a regular field meet.

On Friday, June twenty-fourth, a geological excursion was made under the leadership of Professor G. Frederick Wright, of Oberlin, who is one of the most famous students of glaciers in the country. They visited the fine glacial grooves between Lakeside and Marblehead, and also those of Kelleys Island which are probably the most famous in the world. They also visited the Inscription Rock on Kelleys Island, and the Caves and other points of interest at Put-in-Bay.

After all it should be borne in mind that the great good to be derived from a Conference of this kind is not physical or intellectual, but spiritual—a broader vision of service, and a stimulus to stronger and purer lives. The greatness of the opportunity warrants that a much larger delegation from Miami should go next year.

Miami Victorious

IN THE ORATORICAL CONTEST BETWEEN STATE UNIVERSITIES AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The STUDENT has contained several references to the Oratorical Contest between State Universities which culminated the evening of June twenty-second, in the Hall of Congresses at the Universal Exposition at St. Louis. Last November there was held in St. Louis a gathering of representatives from various State Universities, at which the plan for such a contest was formulated. All the State Universities of the country were invited to compete. The universities of the East were invited to send their orators to a preliminary contest at Lexington, Kentucky, those of the West, to Lawrence, Kansas, the most successful speakers in these preliminary contests to have the honor of contesting at the final competition at St. Louis. The intention is to make this year's contest the first of a series of annual events. Sixteen State Universities have become interested in the project.

The six speakers at the contest in St. Louis represented the States of Ohio, Kentucky, Kansas, South Dakota and Utah. The hall furnished by the Exposition authorities was large and beautiful. Any doubt whether people who had paid for admission to the exposition grounds would desert the other attractions of the Fair to listen to youthful oratory was dispelled. The audience was large and heartily responsive and composed more than half of men.

In order that audience and judges might listen with impartiality undisturbed by local sympathies, the names of the speakers and of the institutions they represented were not printed on the program. The judges, who were men of eminent qualifications for the service they were to render, strongly expressed their appreciation of the character of the speeches as a whole, but announced that they were without question or division in assigning the first place to the gentleman who had discussed the "Adaptability of German Municipal Methods to American Cities," and that they were likewise unanimous in assigning second honor to the gentleman who had discussed "Independent Action in City Politics." The Chairman thereupon announced that the man whom the judges had declared victor, and who would receive the medal provided by the authorities of the World's Exposition, was Mr. Howard Stanley Smith, of Miami University; and that the man who had received honorable mention was Mr. Jesse Hoel, of the University of Kansas.

This brings to Miami such a distinction as no other American institution ever has won in an oratorical contest. The great publicity of the triumph has been due not alone to the fact that it took place at a World's Fair,

thronged by the people from every state in the Union and from every great nation on the globe; but also because of the interest of the press. An oratorical contest open to all the State Universities of the country affords what the newspaper men call "a good story." For four successive days the contest was a feature of the St. Louis newspapers. This began on Monday morning with a column article in the Globe Democrat, including a picture of Mr. Smith, who was introduced as the representative of Miami University in the approaching competition. Another paper referred to the contest in a headline that extended across the sheet. The evening of the contest was spent not only by numerous representatives of the St. Louis press, but also by a representative of the Associated Press in securing matter about this event. The character of the contest moreover was unique in another respect: the speakers did not select their topics, but each of them during the months preceding the contest had mastered, so far as he could, the general theme of "The Improvement of City Government in the United States," and no speaker knew on what particular phase of that theme he would be required to speak until lots were drawn on the morning of the day the contest was held. This was meant to exclude that kind of eloquence of which a charged phonograph is capable, and to afford a true test of such preparation and ability as are exacted in real life. It was this which led an editorial writer in one of the chief papers of St. Louis to say that this might prove one of the most significant educational new departures of the new century, and to call the contest "one of the greatest features of the greatest of all World's Fairs."

A National Convention of Editors of College Publications was in session on the day of the contest. These gentlemen came in a body to the oratorical competition and did much to furnish the true college atmosphere. From among them were chosen the ushers and time-keepers. The College Editors had arranged to hold a banquet after the contest and at this banquet the victor, Mr. Smith, of Miami, was made the guest of honor.

E. C. H.



JUDGE G. L. REINHARD,
DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY

George Louis Reinhard.

Prominent among the sons of Miami who have come out into the world and made honorable names solely through their own efforts is George Louis Reinhard, Dean of the Law School of Indiana University. Readers of the *STUDENT* who were at Miami during the years shortly after the Civil War will remember him not only as a pleasing, agreeable companion, but as one of those quiet, determined students who meant to get something out of their college course. And just here it may be interesting to note that he belonged to that sturdy class of young men who as mere youths had volunteered and fought in the northern or the southern army and after the war had entered college. Their military experience had not been their undoing; it seems rather to have helped to make them, and they impress themselves not only on their fellow students but on their teachers as well. On one occasion, Dr. Hepburn, Dean of the Liberal Arts, at a Miami alumni banquet said, "It has been my lot to have among my pupils young men who have fought under Grant and also those who have fought under Lee. They were of the same stuff; manly fellows, excellent students."

At the opening of the Civil War Reinhard was nearing his nineteenth birthday. He had been in America but four years. He was born in a small village in Bavaria, on July 5, 1843. After receiving such instruction as the schools of his native village afforded he came, in 1857, to the United States, with his mother and his step-father. An uncle of the lad had previously settled in Cincinnati and was there engaged in the manufacture of a variety of articles made from wood. Young Reinhard accepted employment in his uncle's business and worked at the lathe for more than a year. In 1859 he removed with his family into Union county, Indiana, on the Ohio line. It was here that Lincoln's first call for troops found him. He enlisted in April, 1861, in the Union County Guards, a company which was first assigned to the Sixteenth Regiment of Indiana Infantry. A little later the Union County Guards were transferred to the three years' service, and as Company I became part of the Fifteenth Regiment of Indiana Infantry. Reinhard remained in the active service for three years and four months and took his part in many battles, great and small.

Neither wood carving or soldiering, however, was entirely to his liking. During his stay in Cincinnati the names of Groesbeck, Stallo, and Hassaurek were among the distinguished names in the community. Carl Schurz's name was already becoming well known throughout the west. Young Reinhard's aspirations had been aroused by the success of his fellow countrymen in America. His tastes were scholarly. Throughout the years of his service in the army a large part of his time when off

duty had been given to the study of American history and the inception and development of our form of government. Before leaving the army he had determined to adopt the profession of the law. The serious question with him was how he could obtain the education which he felt to be essential to success in that profession. He attended for a time a private school in Cincinnati. In 1866 he entered Miami University. Among his classmates were John B. Elam, Judge Giffen, Eberly D. Smith, Eugene Bundy, Loring Bundy, Benjamin F. Davis, W. A. Lyman. He pursued his studies diligently and faithfully for two years. But his purse was scanty and at the end of the collegiate year of 1868 he left Oxford and opened a school at Owensboro, Kentucky. All his spare time he gave to the study of the Law. He was admitted to the county bar after an examination before two judges of the Supreme Court. A little later he removed to Indiana, locating at Rockport, on the Ohio River. He was brought into direct competition with some of the ablest lawyers of Indiana, but he more than held his place in the practice and soon attracted the attention of his own and adjoining counties. As early as 1872 the Democrats of Spencer county nominated him, against his will, for the General Assembly. He came within seventy-one votes of carrying the election, although the county was at that time Republican by several hundred votes. In 1876 he was elected prosecuting attorney of the second judicial district. In 1878 he was re-elected without opposition. Retiring from the office of prosecuting attorney he devoted himself again to general practice, but within two years he was nominated by his party for judge of the Circuit Court. In 1888 he was re-elected by a largely increased majority. In the year 1891 the Indiana Legislature established the Appellate Court and Judge Reinhard was appointed to this new bench. In 1892 he was elected judge of the court for a full term, receiving the nomination without opposition. He remained upon the Appellate bench until January 1, 1897.

From the bench Reinhard passed without an intermission into the no less honorable, and no less important, work of a teacher of the law. A professorship of law had been offered him by the Trustees of the Indiana University while he was still Judge of Appellate Court. He accepted the appointment and entered upon his duties of the Law School at Bloomington, Indiana, in August, 1896. From that time he has devoted himself assiduously to his Law School work.

It had always been cause of regret with him that he had not completed the A. B. course at Miami. His Alma Mater, recognizing his ability as shown in the Appellate Court, had made him an LL. D. in 1897. But with his LL. D. in hand Reinhard took up, in addition to his work as professor of law, a regular course of studies leading to the

degree of A. B. in the College of Liberal Arts of Indiana University. He received his A. B. degree in 1899. In addition to this he prepared during these early years of his law teaching, a general treatise on the law of agency, which was published in 1902 by one of the largest law book houses of the country. This, however, was not his first appearance as a legal author. His experience as prosecuting attorney had resulted in a treatise on criminal law. A third law book, dealing with Indiana law in general, has followed the work on agency, and is now in the hands of his publishers.

In the Fall of 1902 Judge Reinhard was chosen Dean of the Law School of Indiana University. One of his first acts after becoming Dean was to visit the principal law schools of the United States, with a view to studying their methods of instruction, for the benefit of his own school.* The result was the adoption for the Law School of Indiana University of a revised course of study based upon the courses prevailing in Harvard and Columbia, but with certain modifications. Chiefly through Reinhard's initiative the Law School of Indiana University has now, (a) a three years' term, embracing nearly fifty courses of instruction; (b) the full case system of study; (c) entrance examinations or a high school diploma; (d) a faculty of four men giving their whole time to the work of law instruction with three lecturers giving part of their time; (e) one of the finest and most rapidly growing law libraries of the west. The attendance of the Law Schools runs between 150 and 160—and this in a State which has no requirement for admission to the bar except good moral character and ability to vote.

To raise a high standard in the Law School and maintain it in a State which requires no entrance examination for admission to the bar and no educational test, is a courageous undertaking. But Judge Reinhard is accomplishing the task. He is greatly in earnest with his work and his fellow students at Miami will rejoice with him that his ambition to place the Law School of his State in the forefront of the University Law Schools and keep it there is now sure of attainment.

Events of Commencement Week.

Meetings of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees of Miami University held meetings on three days of Commencement Week—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They confirmed the degrees which the Faculty had taken the initial step in conferring. They let the contract for the addition to Brice Scientific

*At the request of the editors of the *Green Bag*, Judge Reinhard has written for them an article on this visit of his to the law schools; it appears in the March number of the *Green Bag* for the current year.

Hall. It is expected that this improvement will be done within a year. Also the contract was let for the construction of the Woman's Dormitory which is to be called Hepburn Hall in honor of Dean Hepburn.

Prof. L. O. Lantis was elected Principal of the Academy to succeed Dean T. L. Feeney who has resigned. Prof. Lantis will take up the work next September. Dean Feeney will teach mathematics in the Normal College.

Baccalaureate Sunday.

Sunday afternoon, June twelfth, at 2:30 the regular Baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the President of the University, to the members of the graduating classes and their friends. The theme for the afternoon was "The Ultimate Triumph of Humanity" and the text, "The Lord will perfect that which concerneth Him." A large crowd was in attendance consisting of students, townsfolk and visiting friends. The Seniors occupied the seats of honor and made quite an excellent showing for Miami. Special music was furnished by the orchestra and a quartette consisting of Misses Miller and Cone and Messrs Haynes and Eidemiller, who rendered a very pretty selection—"Blessed be the Lord."

The sermon was full of excellent thoughts forcibly delivered and was a source of inspiration to all present. The service of course served as another reminder that some were soon to leave Miami's halls, but the fact was duly impressed that as we go forth, although we are weak in ourselves, we may reach "Ultimate Triumph" by trusting in God "who perfects that which concerneth Him."

Annual Sermon to the Christian Associations.

In the evening at 7:30 the second annual sermon to the students under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. was delivered in the chapel by Dr. J. P. E. Kumler, Washington, D. C. Special music was furnished by the University orchestra and chorus. Dr. Kumler is a graduate of Miami in the class of '54 and the University felt it both a privilege and honor to have him here on this occasion. His address was both helpful and interesting and we feel that we owe him a debt of gratitude for his service.

Normal Commencement.

The first annual commencement of the Ohio State Normal College was held Monday, June thirteenth, at 2 p. m. School Commissioner Bonebrake delivered the address of the day. President Benton presented the diplomas, and Dr. Herron, president of the Board of Trustees, made a short address. The graduates in this two year's normal course who

received diplomas are: Mr. Gleun Britton, Oxford; Misses Ida Matilda Crauder, Germantown; Mary Luella Crugar, Madisonville; Vida Lynn DeMarr, Madeira; Dora Isabelle Geiser, Dayton; Margaret C. Lusby, Cincinnati; Florence Thyrza Meredith, Dayton; Hattie Lisbon Moon, Blanchester; Cora Viola Orem, Dayton; Bernice Wilhelmina Pansing, Miamisburg; Sophia Marie Schauble, Hamilton; Jessie Way, Northfield; Lydia Robinson Wilgus, Conover; Mary Anetta Wood, Madisonville; Lelia T. Wilson, Oxford.

The Oratorical Contest.

Miami rejoices in the happy return of the good old time oratorical spirit. She now sees her way as she never saw it before, to send first class speakers upon the platform as well as first class athletes into the field. Never before has she been able to do both at the same time. A long time ago literary spirit was manifested in public speaking of a kind which in later years came to be considered almost a lost art. But certainly no champion of the old time spirit who witnessed the Gold Medal contest of Monday evening, June thirteenth, can say Miami is an institution whose "oratorical sun" is setting.

Chapel Hall was crowded with people when Dr. Myers' orchestra brought a favorite selection to a close and Howard Stanley James stepped upon the platform and opened what is perhaps the greatest oratorical contest in the history of this series. Mr. James' subject was "The College Man's Relation to Life." The subject was well handled and when the speaker left the floor the big audience spoke its approval by continued applause.

Mr. Elbert Friedly Schweickart who has for some time been an earnest student of astronomy spoke on "The Wonders of Astronomy." The language of this oration was most excellent and was well received throughout. Miss Emma Cone then sang Fabrio's "Flower Fetters" and Lang's "Irish Love Song."

Harvey Huffman Eidemiller then spoke on the subject, "Veneering." The subject was so treated as to leave no doubt in the minds of the hearers that a great deal of thought had been spent in composition; and while Mr. Eidemiller was not quite as familiar with his work as a whole as some others he showed remarkable voice control.

John Leonard Kinsey's prize oration was "The Railroad Problem in the United States." The oration which appears elsewhere in this issue speaks for itself. Mr. Kinsey held the audience like a master and when he closed there went up such an applause as seldom goes to a student. Earl Keller then sang a selection from Arms Fisher and one from Schubert.

The subject of Harry Maynard Newman's oration was "Politics and Politicians." Mr. Newman knows how to say things so they sound nice. Such a person is always pleasing to an audience. The subject was one of general interest and was cleverly handled.

When Frank Anderson Ralston appeared on the platform the audience was tired. His was a difficult place. But his subject was "Nathan Hale, the Ideal Patriot" and Nathan Hale is a name the nation loves. The speaker had the "oratorical fire" and soon the buzzing in the back portions of the chapel ceased and save that here and there an old lady fanned away industriously the audience listened intently to the end and then they gave him "a right royal Miami greeting."

But only one could win. After a long time spent in deliberation the judges, Doctors Culler, Eckels and Hayes, awarded the medal to John L. Kinsey of the Erodolphian Literary Society and the class of 1904.

Class Day Exercises.

The Class of 1904 gave their Class Day Exercises under the direction of Professor Chapman. The exercises were held in the Miami University Chapel on Tuesday evening, June fourteenth. The Chapel was crowded to its fullest capacity and many persons were turned away.

The exercises were given as a play, entitled "Thirty Years After," in three scenes, written by Miss Bishop, of the Class of 1904. The characters were members of the Class, assisted by Messrs. Snyder, Radcliff and Moore. Place—Home of Brandenburg, New York City.

The following were given incidental to the play:

Class History	Miss Snyder
Oration	Mr. Kinsey
Prophecy	Mr. Brown
Will	Mr. Wood
Poem	Mr. Hughes

Toasts and roasts were given by Messrs. Brandenburg, Glasgow, Graham and Miss Bishop. Toast and roast master, Mr. Marshall.

The play was closed by singing the Class Song which was written by Miss Bishop. Other songs, written by different members of the class, were interspersed through the play.

The play was prophetic in its nature, each member of the class of 1904 entering in the character he is supposed to have attained thirty years hence. It was well written and excellently produced, yet the incidentals, that is, the History, the Oration, the Prophecy, the Will and the Poem, were of greatest interest. These were exceptionally well

done, the poem in particular, which is published elsewhere in this number, being one of the best class poems ever read here. The whole exercise is pronounced to be the best and most unique class exercise ever given at Miami.

To the Ancient and Honorable Class of Nineteen Four, Miss Ruth Snyder, Secretary:

The University Senate in conclave assembled, May 25, 1904, decided that inasmuch as the class of 1904 had by petition expressed its great weariness of labor, we grant the aforesaid class a two weeks' vacation to rest its'jaded brains and exhausted bodies.

The Senate hereinbefore mentioned has time to rest only beyond the tomb, and therefore maintains:

(1) That the ball game between the plaintiffs and defendants be declared illegal and inoperative;

(2) That the Seniors rest thoughtfully and incessantly;

(3) That the golf tournament be carried to an exhaustive conclusion;

(4) That the class of 1904 settle the disputed election for board of control while resting on their laurels;

(5) That certain members of the class *pad* their laurels before resting on them.

STEPHEN R. WILLIAMS,

Secretary of the University Senate.

An opportunity would be offered to respond to these allegations, but the Phi Beta and Sig Deke documents have used all the paper at hand for alligatory purposes.

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Alumni Meeting.

On Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock was held the Annual Alumni Meeting in the Miami Chapel. President Walter S. Thomas, of Troy, presided. The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Dr. Isaac M. Hughes, class of '55, Richmond, Ind.; First Vice President, Harry G. Frost, class of '01, Monroe, Ohio; Second Vice President, Judge Nelson Wiley Evans, '64, Portsmouth, Ohio; Third Vice President, Miss Sara Greer, '01, Oxford, Ohio; Secretary and Treasurer, George S. Bishop, '67, Glendale, Ohio; Historian and Necrologist, Rev. Wm. J. McSurely, '56, Oxford, Ohio; Orator for Public Alumni Meeting, June, 1905, General Gales P. Thruston, '55, Nashville, Tenn.; Alternate, Wm. Henry James, '00, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. W. J. McSurely gave his report as historian and necrologist. Hon. David Huston Pottinger, '73, of College Hill, delivered the

Alumni address. His subject was "Commercialism and Modern Education." It was a scholarly and eloquent address and was listened to with interest by all present.

The following deaths during the year are recorded by the necrologist, Dr. McSurely:

1850—Dr. John Miller Trembly, at his home near Riley, Ohio, July 23, 1903.

1853—John William Steel, at Wabesha, Minn., August 3, 1903.

1858—Nathaniel Johnston Thompson, at Denver, Col., October 11, 1903.

1858—Noah Cartwright, at Fern Creek, Ky., September 13, 1903.

1862—Rev. Thomas D. Garvin, at Clarksville, Tenn., August 12, 1903.

1873—Alfred Colquett Ficklin, at Charleston, Ill., July, 1903.

1870—David Chamberlin Scott, at Seven Mile, O., January 21, 1904.

1853—Samuel Cunningham Kerr, at Lyndon, O., January 27, 1904.

1854—Charles Elwood Brown, at Cincinnati, May 21, 1904.

1843—William Bennett Moore, at Washington, D. C., January 15, 1904.

Ten in all, with an average age of 69 years.

President's Reception.

The President's Reception at Lewis Place from 4 to 6 on Wednesday, June fifteenth, was one of the enjoyable features of commencement week. This is given for the Board of Trustees, Alumni, Seniors and their friends and takes the place of the former Alumni banquet. Lewis Place was tastefully decorated and the many friends of the institution had the enjoyable time that is always had at the home of President and Mrs. Benton. Refreshments in University colors were served, the young ladies of Miami assisting. Several young ladies also presided at the punch bowl in the yard, which contained delicious Miami punch.

Several hundred guests were present and all pronounced the reception one of the most enjoyable events of the week.

Grand Concert.

On Wednesday, June fifteenth, at 8 p. m. occurred the Grand Concert by the Department of Music. This came as a fitting culmination to the great work that has been accomplished in the past year at Miami by Dr. Myers. This department was placed here last fall and out of the musical chaos, Dr. Myers soon had created a Men's Glee club, a mixed chorus, an orchestra, and various smaller combinations. These organizations have worked under difficulties and embarrassments incident to such a depar-

ture. In spite of this Dr. Myers has worked hard and faithfully; with what degree of success the concert of Wednesday night fully indicates.

Miss Horr, who is to be instructor in violin next year, rendered several solos on that instrument. Dr. Myers is entitled to a distinction all his own; we congratulate him and hope that the same success may crown his efforts next year.

Meeting of Alumni of the Literary Societies.

On Wednesday evening after the Grand Concert by the Department of Music, alumni reunions were held in the Literary Society halls.

In the Erodelphian Hall the meeting was called to order by Paul G. Moore, '05, who is president of the society. Invocation was pronounced by Dr. Fitzgerald. Greeting to the alumni and the address of welcome was given by John L. Kinsey, '04. Hon. John W. Herron was then elected chairman and the meeting was turned over to Erodelphians of former days. President Herron then presented Erodelphian diplomas to the following members of the class of 1904: Herbert Moore Hughes, Samuel Jacob Brandenburg, and John Leonard Kinsey. We then had speeches from the following alumni: Messrs. Eltzroth, '69, Bartlow, '93, Evans, '64, Ellis, '64, Fitzgerald, '72, Earhardt, '94, Finch, '89, Bishop, '67, and also from Dr. Hayes, of the Miami Faculty. They gave us some interesting reminiscences and inspiring words. We look forward with pleasant anticipation to a meeting of this kind next year.

The enthusiastic reunion of the Miami Union alumni was presided over by Dr. Hepburn. Speeches were made by Mr. Woodruff of the class of 1854, of Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Chas. Fiske of the class of 1863 of Covington, Ky.; Rev. David R. Moore of the class of 1871, now of South Salem, Ohio. Interesting talks were given by several others. The review of the glorious work of the Miami Union for more than a half century has created a new life and interest in the society among the present members.

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Commencement Day.

The day set aside for the eighteenth commencement of the College of Liberal Arts was dark and rainy. Instead of an academic procession, headed by a band, and a comfortable seat under the time honored walnut tree on the campus, the exercises were held in the University chapel in the presence of some six hundred people. The speaker of the day Hon. Walter Wellman, Washington correspondent to the Chicago Record Herald, delivered an able address; the orators chosen from the class of 1904, Messrs. Baker, Brandenburg and Glasgow, acquitted themselves with honor, and all-in-all the exercises were most impressive. The program was as follows:

Music

Invocation Rev. Charles E. Schenck, of Hamilton, Ohio

Music

Oration—The American Negro Samuel Jacob Brandenburg

Oration—Contempt for Law Marion McClure Glasgow

Oration—Socialism Not a Solution of the Industrial Problem . . .
. John Lewis Baker

Music

Annual Commencement Address—Opportunity Mr. Wellman

Music

Conferring of Degrees.

Announcement of Honors and Prizes.

Benediction.

Music

First honors are conferred upon Herbert Moore Hughes. Second honors were divided between Ralph D. Brown, Samuel J. Brandenburg, and John L. Baker.

The Bishop Latin prize was awarded to Omen K. Boring.

The Elliot Greek prize was awarded to Edna Sutton Robinson.

Senior honors in Philosophy, John L. Baker.

The degree of Master of Arts *in cursu* was conferred upon Stanley M. Rowland and Miss Anna Simmons.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon M. H. Anderson and Rev. Chas. E. Schenck.

The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Gov. Myron T. Herrick, Attorney General Wade H. Ellis, Hon. Abraham M. Pence, '60 and Chas. H. Fisk, '63.

The degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy was conferred upon Elmer Barton Finch and Helen Marie Hirst.

The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon J. L. Baker, Julia L. Bishop, S. J. Brandenburg, R. D. Brown, D. C. Coleman, M. M. Glasgow, R. W. Graham, Grace L. Harris, H. M. Hughes, H. S. James, J. L. Kinsey, G. L. Marshall, C. K. Robinson, Arthur Silver, Ruth Snyder, F. E. Wood.

1824

Miami at Eighty.

1904

Written expressly for the 80th anniversary of Miami University.

I

Miami, the pater! its scholars win fame,
Pure wisdom, high culture, a combine none shame;
The President superb, the Faculty bright,
Ohio's blest college—Miami's all right!

CHORUS: Miami cult, the Buckeye State,
 And Oxford town—a trio great.

II

Miami, the mater! its virtues are prime.
The graduates well train'd, life's rugged steeps climb;
The students high-minded, no class-work may slight,
Ohio's blest college—Miami's all right!

CHO.

III

Miami, the frater! its compeers speak fair,
The White House and Congress its honors may share;
The alumni shows men of mettle and might,
Ohio's blest college—Miami's all right!

CHO.

IV

Miami at eighty! its progress still cheers,
Proud temple of learning, the waymark of years;
New buildings in campus just loometh in sight,
Ohio's blest college—Miami's all right!

CHO.

CAPT. DAVID A. MURPHY.

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Editorial.

Our
Farewell.

With this Commencement number, we close our labors for the college year. No one has realized more than we ourselves the shortcomings of our efforts. To get variety, original features, in our publication, and yet stay within our means, and our limits, has been our greatest problem, and has perhaps been our most conspicuous failure. The cause of our most intense aggravation has been the delay and uncertainty of our printers. The editors have been partly responsible for some of our failures to appear on scheduled time, but the greater part of the responsibility for this, fortunately and with a clear conscience, we can place upon our printers. This is a defect that can be easily remedied, and next year the management should insist on more prompt attention being given to the MIAMI STUDENT.

If we were to suggest any changes in the contents of next year's paper it would be in the Local Department. The meaning that the word "local" carries with it in the MIAMI STUDENT is unique. It has always been a prominent, and we confess it, the most interesting department of THE STUDENT. What right it has to such prominence would be hard to tell; but it has gained it imperceptibly. The department may have had some valuable features in the beginning, but it has certainly outlived its usefulness. It has been unsatisfactory this year, as it has been to a greater or less degree in years past. That a separate department with a prominent heading should be given over to personal remarks and jokes not fully understood and appreciated even within our own circle seems in a

college paper, not only undignified, but a waste of space and energy as well. The local department as such should be abolished.

The time has come too when a monthly magazine, as the sole publication of a college, is not sufficient. What Miami now needs most in this line is a weekly college *news* paper. A paper appearing once a month, however excellent it may be in every detail that makes a perfect college magazine, can not fill this want. A weekly could be made to pay; it would gain more advertisements, more announcements—most important of all, it would gain more subscribers, for this is what alumni and friends of the university want—a paper to keep them posted on what is actually happening in the college. Colleges with less resources than Miami support creditable newspapers. We should make an effort to do the same.

But our farewells are not all grievances. We have been the recipients of many kindnesses, many suggestions from the faculties and others that have been not only helpful, but have shown us that others were interested in our work. We desire first of all to thank these; and then our contributors, who have come to the rescue and tided us over several critical points; our advertisers and subscribers, alumni, students, and townspeople; especially are we indebted to Mr. J. R. Patterson, Mr. J. R. Sayler, and Mr. S. C. Ayres, who contributed the money for literary prizes which the *STUDENT* was enabled to offer last fall. It is not without some feeling of regret that we part with all the friends who have aided us to whatever degree of success we have attained.

The Board of Editors, as organized for next year in as follows:

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The Summer School has opened with an enrollment the first week of 310. The difficulty of providing for all who applied last year has probably kept many away who would otherwise have come. Also the St. Louis Exposition is drawing many who usually spend their summers in study. With a few exceptions all the members of our faculties are in doing work during this term. Prof. Hadsel's place as assistant in Latin is being taken by Mr. Collins, of Batavia, Ohio; Mr. Meyer, University

of Penn., and Mr. Hughes, Miami '04, have been employed as assistants in Physics, Mr. Lyman Bourne, Miami '01, Boston Tech. '04, in chemistry, Mr. R. T. House, Miami, '00, instructor in French, and Mr. Goodnight of University of Wisconsin, instructor in German.

University Notes.

Professor E. E. Brandon and Omen K. Boring went to France the latter part of May. Prof. Brandon will return in time to begin work next September, but Mr. Boring will study French and Spanish for a year or so before returning.

Herbert M. Hughes, '04, has been granted a fellowship in Physics in the University of Cincinnati for next year. He will do some teaching and also pursue the study of advanced physics. Mr. Hughes is to be congratulated upon this preferment.

Professor E. P. Thompson has had a cement pier erected for the use of the astronomical transit. It is located on the campus southeast of the Main Building.

A large consignment of new books was added to the University Library a short time before school closed.

Dramatic Entertainment.

The entertainment given on May seventeenth in the Miami Chapel was a great success. Prof. Chapman deserves much credit for his work in directing those who participated. This was one of the best drawing cards of the year, every seat in the house being sold. The proceeds went to the Y. M. C. A. Following is an announcement and cast of the two plays given:

THE OBSTINATE FAMILY.

A humorous play in one act, from the German.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Mr. Harford.....	Mr. Sharp
Mr. Harwood	Mr. Eidemiller
James.....	Mr. Glasgow
Mrs. Harford.....	Miss Burrill
Mrs. Harwood.....	Miss DeMar
Lucy.....	Miss Wood

WRECK OF STEBBINS' PRIDE.

A College play in two acts, by Louise Latham Wilson

Deacon Ephraim Stebbins.....	Mr. Brandenburg
Arnold Parker.....	Mr. Newman
Robert Gray	Mr. Olson

Mr. Smithson	Mr. Pye
Ruth.....	Miss Cone
Aunt Agatha.....	Miss Goff

Rooters and Serenaders.

Music by the University Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Myers.

University Service.

The Thirteenth University Service was held in the Miami Chapel on Sunday, May fifteenth, at 2:30 p. m. Rev. E. C. Simpson, ex-'68, D. D., of Bellefontaine, Ohio, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of Miami University, preached the sermon. Dr. Simpson has a pleasing delivery and he gave us an excellent discourse. Following is the program:

1. Overture—Meditation *Lourendro*

UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA.

2. Psalm LXV.

CHORUS AND CONGREGATION.

3. Apostles' Creed.

4. Prayer.

5. Lord's Prayer Chant..... *Arr. by S. S. Myers*

6. Scripture Reading—Mark IV.

7. Chorus—Mighty Jehovah..... *Belina, arr. by Myers*

MIAMI CHORAL SOCIETY.

8. Sermon—The Unconscious and Irresistible Growth of the Kingdom

9. Closing Prayer.

10. Psalm CXXI.

11. Benediction.

12. Postlude.

UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA.

Reception to the Class of 1904.

On Thursday evening, May twenty-sixth, the annual Senior reception was given by President and Mrs. Benton. This event is one of the most enjoyable of the year and is anticipated with a great deal of pleasure, Dr. and Mrs. Benton were assisted in receiving by the members of the Senior class of Miami University. They received as their guests of the evening, faculty members and the senior classes of the College and Western, and the members of the University faculty. The spacious halls and parlors were transformed into bowers of beauty with the Senior and Miami colors. In the back parlor was placed a large punch bowl which was much frequented by the guests. Brick cream was served in

purple and white the colors of the Senior class. The favors were quaintly decorated with the picture of the Miami University Tower. The strains of merry music added much to the pleasure of the evening. The generous hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Benton made the evening a most enjoyable one and the attractive "Lewis Place" will long be remembered as the scene of the most pleasant social functions of the college year.

Athletics.

Baseball of 1904.

The season just closed was not a very successful one. Out of a schedule of twelve games, ten were played, of these ten, only two were won. Following is a brief record of the year: April 25, Depauw at Oxford; rain. April 30, Franklin at Oxford, lost by a score of 10 to 0. May 6, K. S. C. at Oxford, won by score of 4 to 3. May 12, K. S. C. at Lexington, lost by score of 5 to 3. May 13, Central U. at Danville, 10 innings, lost 2 to 1. May 14, same, lost 7 to 6. May 20, Ohio University at Athens, lost 22 to 4. May 21, U. of C. at Cincinnati, lost 6 to 2. May 24, Franklin College at Franklin, lost 17 to 0. May 25, DePauw at Greenville, lost 10 to 0. May 30, U. of C. at Oxford, rain. June 4, Alumni vs. Varsity at Oxford, won 10 to 6.

Following is the line-up of the last game:

Miami		Alumni
Whipple	1 B	Joyce '03.
Coleman	2 B	Frost '01.
Robinson	3 B	Reeder ex-'04.
Wood	SS	Grove ex-'00.
Long	RF	McCreary.
Markley	CF	Poor '00.
McLaughlin	LF	Weisman '02.
Waldon	P	Wilkinson ex-'04.
Waldon	C	McCreedy '02.

This was practically Miami's line-up for the season, with the exception of first base, which was filled by Dierck until he was called home May 14, by the death of his mother. Ohio University repudiated her contract to the amount of twenty-five dollars, which was afterwards adjusted; Central U. did likewise and our manager is yet trying to collect twenty dollars from them.

Golf Tournament.

The golf tournament held here June 1 to 4, awakened some interest in this line. There were a number of entries, the winners of the pre-

liminaries being Profs. Hughes, Wildman and Messrs. Coleman and Bierce. Of these four Prof. Hughes and Mr. Bierce gained the places in the finals, which were won by Prof. Hughes. The prize was a beautiful silver trophy cup.

Football in 1904.

The football manager has obtained an unusually good schedule for next fall. It includes games with O. S. U., Wittenburg, Franklin, Earlham, Indianapolis Medics, DePauw and several others. A game with Central University, Danville, Ky., was cancelled because that college refused to come to its financial obligations in a contract made with the baseball manager this spring.

Miami has been fortunate in securing the services as coach of one of the best football men in the country, Mr. A. K. Smith. He is one of Dartmouth's best football men, having played at tackle, full-back and half-back on that team, graduating from the institution in '02. He has been coaching at West Point, having charge of the successful '03 team of that school. He understands training as well as coaching, and will certainly make Miami play football if it can be done in any way.

Alumni.

1845—Dr. Washington Pythian, M. D., died June 15, 1904, at his home in Paris, Ky. He was born in New Jersey in 1825, and after graduating from Miami took a medical course. He has practiced all his life in Paris, Ky. As a physician and as a citizen he was esteemed one of the best in his part of the state.

Ex-'90—It is reported that Col. Edwin Emerson, war correspondent of the New York World in the far east, met death from shooting while attempting to cross the line into Russian territory. The particulars of his death have not been learned at this writing. Mr. Emerson was the author of the article in the May STUDENT "The Making of War Correspondent."

It is now-a-days an oft quoted statement that the college man finishes his course at an earlier age than formerly. In view of this the following comparison of the average ages of Miami's classes since the re-opening may be interesting:

CLASS	AGE	CLASS	AGE
1888.....	22	1896.....	23 $\frac{7}{8}$
1889.....	22 $\frac{5}{8}$	1897.....	21 $\frac{6}{8}$
1890.....	22 $\frac{4}{8}$	1898.....	23 $\frac{3}{8}$

1891.....	22 $\frac{3}{10}$	1899.....	21 $\frac{1}{8}$
1892.....	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	1900.....	23 $\frac{7}{8}$
1893.....	21 $\frac{1}{8}$	1901.....	24 $\frac{3}{8}$
1894.....	24 $\frac{6}{8}$	1902.....	24 $\frac{1}{8}$
1895.....	23 $\frac{9}{8}$	1903.....	24 $\frac{5}{8}$
1904.....	22 $\frac{7}{8}$		

Normal Notes.

We are glad to announce the return of our Dean, who has been spending the last six weeks in Los Angeles, California. We have missed Dean Minnich and are happy to welcome him and his family back to Oxford.

On Thursday evening, June second, the members of the Freshman and Sophomore classes indulged in an old fashioned spelling match. During the evening a crowd of about fifteen young ladies came in to call upon the Freshman class and persisted in falling in line to display their skill in spelling. Although their appearance was not prepossessing they excited amazement and admiration by their brilliancy and wonderful ability and no one was surprised when they carried off the laurels of the evening. Dainty refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed by all present.

On Friday evening, June sixth, the members of the Pierian Society met for the last meeting of the year. An excellent program was rendered after which the Society adjourned for a social hour. Having more refreshments than were needed to satisfy the number present, the girls very willingly handed over the greater part to some hungry lads who seemed very thankful to the young ladies; and who after disposing of it, graciously and kindly returned the freezer which had furnished them so much pleasure. We are always glad to feed the hungry and honest.

On Thursday afternoon, June ninth, the Class day exercises of the graduating class were held. The class entertained the members of the Normal School with a picnic and during the afternoon the class exercises were given. They consisted of an address of welcome by Vida DeMar; response, Lilla Stanton. The class prophecy was by Luella Crugar. The class history by Maggie Lusby and a farewell address by Sophia Schaeuble. These were followed by short addresses by the members of the Normal School faculty after which a royal picnic supper was enjoyed by all.

On Thursday evening, June ninth, the Freshman Normal class entertained the Sophomores with a Gym party. The chief events of the evening were the "Fat Woman's Race," Tumbling Race, Fifty Yard Dash, Running Broad Jump and Obstacle Race. The prize, a large

silver cup, was awarded to Miss Ida Crauder. Dainty refreshments were served by the girls of the Freshman class.

We are happy to announce that most of the girls of the graduating class have already found positions for next year and we hope that all will be settled soon. We are sorry to see so many of our girls leaving this year but will be glad to welcome to Miami the new girls who come in to take the place of those who have left.

Western College Notes.

The annual "Tree Day" was held Wednesday afternoon, May eleventh. A large audience gathered on the beautiful campus to see the presentation of Tennyson's "The Forester." The characters were well chosen and the manner in which it was given was excellent. Miss Annie Owings, in behalf of the Sophomore class, presented the coveted spade and gave a very clever speech to the Freshman class. The spade was received by Miss Louise Rabb. Next came the ceremony at the "Senior Tree" and the retiring class performed their part in an excellent manner. A Poem entitled "Furl the Flag," written by Miss Elizabeth McBride, showed the ability of the young author. The Freshman class next planted their tree. The last of the ceremonies was an "Ivy Poem," by Miss Marie Simpson, in honor of an ivy planted near the new hall of residence. A large crowd was present and enjoyed the program throughout.

The Student's Recital was given at the Western College on Friday evening, May twenty-seventh. It consisted of piano numbers by the advanced students, vocal selections by Miss Hawk, and numbers by the Glee and Mozart Clubs, accompanied by pianos and violins. Although all of the numbers were remarkably good, perhaps one of the most pleasing was Mendelssohn's Overture to the Hebrides by Miss Makibben and Miss Johnston. A large audience greeted the participants and the recital will be remembered as one of the most pleasant given at the Western College this year.

Commencement Week.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE.

The baccalaureate service on Sunday, June fifth, was perfect in every detail and very helpful to those present. The "Mozart Club" under the direction of Miss Bushnell surpassed all previous efforts. The sermon by Rev. Samuel McKee, of West Salem, a brother of President McKee, was one of the most interesting ever heard on such an occasion.

His text was "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." The sermon was filled with inspiring thoughts. Many friends from Oxford were among the hearers.

Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mrs. Marion Craig Wentworth gave a reading in the college chapel before a large audience. Her subject was Browning's Columbus Birthday, and the manner in which she portrayed this famous production showed her ability as a reader.

RECITAL RECEPTION.

The Commencement Concert Monday evening was much enjoyed by all present. Miss Haskell, mezzo contralto of New York, the Philharmonic String Quartette of Cincinnati, and the Mozart Club of the Western formed the musical entertainers for the evening. Miss Haskell is a great favorite of the Western and her singing was much enjoyed. The Mozart Club rendered a pleasing number entitled "Spring," while the latter part of the program consisted of a cantata, "The Song of the Norns" by the Mozart Club with Miss Haskell as soloist, and the String Quartette accompanying.

At the close of the program the audience passed to the reading room where Misses Bushnell and Swezey introduced the guests as they were received by President McKee, President Johnson, Dean Sawyer, Dr. Little, Mrs. Orr, Mr. Fulton and a number of others. Each of the four classes had a parlor decorated in their class colors. Everyone was delighted to meet the mother of Dr. McKee, Mrs. McKee of Danville, Ky., who by her charming personality won the hearts of all. Refreshments, which consisted of ice cream and cake, were served. The guests departed at a late hour feeling that another pleasant evening had been spent at the Western College.

COMMENCEMENT DAY.

The forty-ninth annual commencement took place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the college chapel. A great deal of interest was taken in this year's class as it is the last one to graduate under Dr. McKee's administration which terminates with the close of this year. After an organ prelude by Miss Swezey, Rev. Charles Frederick Goss, D. D. of Cincinnati, read from the Scriptures and offered prayer. The Commencement address was delivered by Dr. Henry Churchill King, president of Oberlin College. This address was a most helpful and interesting one. Dr. King spoke on "Activity." He classified the different phases of the subject and discussed it in regard to the difference between the actions of the educated and uncivilized people. His closing words to the Senior class showed his ability as a speaker.

Dr. McKee conferred the degrees and gave the diplomas to the class. Each member of the graduating class received the degree of A. B.

DEDICATION OF NEW HALL OF RESIDENCE.

The address of Dedication was made by Dr. J. P. E. Kumler, of Washington, D. C. He spoke of the constant growth of the Western since its foundation and complimented the work of Dr. McKee in glowing terms. After the benediction by Dr. McSurely the audience repaired to the new Hall of Residence where the portrait of Dr. McKee, painted by Mrs. Caroline Thurber and given to the Western by Mr. James B. Welsh, of Kansas City, Mo., was unveiled. Dean Sawyer of the Western College received the picture on behalf of the Western. Dinner was then served in the New Hall and many of the guests remained for the inauguration ceremony in the afternoon.

INAUGURATION OF DR. JOHNSON.

The inauguration of Dr. Lilian Wycoff Johnson, the third president of Western College, occurred Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. The ceremony took place on a platform erected on the beautiful campus between the Main Building and the new Hall of Residence. The Academic procession started from the Main Building. The order of march was: Third Regiment Band, Escort, Preparatory Students, Class of 1907, Class of '06, Class of '05, Class of '04. Faculty of Western with many distinguished guests and students of Miami University. Upon the assemblage of the guests and students the invocation was spoken by Rev. T. J. Porter, of the Presbyterian Church at Oxford. The scriptures were read and prayer offered by Dr. Hepburn, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Miami. The keys were surrendered by the retiring president and Dr. Johnson installed into office. After this came Dr. Johnson's inaugural address in which she outlined her views of the ideal woman's college. After music by the band, Secretary of State Laylin greeted the new President in behalf of Gov. Herrick of Ohio. Gov. Durbin of Indiana greeted the Western and its new Executive in a most hearty manner. Mr. Richard Ernst, of Covington Ky., a trustee of the Western, spoke in behalf of the state of Kentucky and explained the absence of Gov. Beckham in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. E. E. Williams spoke on behalf of the town of Oxford. Dr. Charles Dabney, president-elect of the University of Cincinnati, made an excellent address, Miss Elizabeth Crowther, a member of the Faculty of Mount Holyoke College, was present and brought the good wishes of her Alma Mater to the Western. Mary Evans, president of Lake Erie College gave a very entertaining talk.

Last but not least came Dr. Guy Potter Benton, our distinguished President, who spoke of the respect Miami held for her sister College and assured Dr. Johnson that it would be continued in the future as it had been in the past. The services as a whole were very impressive, and augur the beginning of a new and larger era for the Western College. THE STUDENT extends congratulations to Dr. Johnson, and best wishes for her success.

Oxford College Notes.

At Oxford College, Saturday evening, May seventh, Dr. Hayes of Miami University, lectured to a large audience on the subject of "Obligation." Dr. Hayes has had much experience as a lecturer and the excellent manner in which he treated his subject was most inspiring to his hearers.

On Monday evening, May sixteenth, the Junior Reception was given at Oxford College. The guests approaching were charmed by the electrical display, a large 'O4 placed above the main entrance, a compliment to the Seniors, the guests of honor. The guests were received by President Robinson and Miss Gorham assisted by Misses Sanford, Porter, Fee, Crady, Schrieber Wright and Scott. The parlors were handsomely decorated with flowers. The guests were escorted to the library where they were given a cordial welcome. Refreshments were served on the large west porch which was beautifully decorated with black and red bunting the Junior colors. The reception was carefully planned and the Junior class may be proud of their ability as entertainers.

On Monday evening, May twenty-third, the annual Senior Reception was given by President Robinson at Oxford College. The guests were received by President Robinson, Miss Gorham, Miss Sondericker and the class officers, Misses Porter, Fee, Murphy, Crocker and Greenleaf. The other members of the Faculty received in the first parlor and the Seniors in the second. The President's room and parlors were beautifully decorated in blue and white, the senior colors. From the parlors the guests passed to the library where the evening was very pleasantly spent in conversation. Refreshments were served here, the tables being presided over by Misses Warner and Rardin.

COMMENCEMENT EVENTS.

The Commencement in the Department of Oratory was held Saturday evening May twenty-eight. The program was opened by the "Glee Club." The play, "As You Like It," was given in the usual good manner. It consisted of three scenes, "The Banishment of Rosalind," "The Forest of

Arden" and "Orlando's Wooing." The characters were Misses Howe, Bronaugh, Bauman, Lowry and Norris. This was one of the most attractive features of Commencement week and Miss Ostrander the director received many compliments on the work of her pupils.

The Baccalaureate Service of Oxford College was held in the Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening, May twenty-ninth. Rarely do we have the opportunity of hearing so eloquent a speaker as the Rev. Mr. Patterson who was the speaker of the hour. The sermon was practical and helpful to all present. Several numbers were rendered by the "Glee Club" of the College, assisted by Messrs. Schweickart, McLaughlin, Swan and Glenn. On Monday evening, May thirty, the Commencement Recital was given at Oxford College. The College chapel was filled with an appreciative audience. The programme was interesting throughout and the participants were heartily applauded after each number. Those who took part are to be congratulated for having accomplished so much both in instrumental and vocal music during the past year.

Class day exercises were held at Oxford College May thirty-first at 10 a. m. The chapel was crowded with Oxford citizens and out of town guests. The play, Tennyson's "The Princess," was given in an excellent manner, which showed careful preparation on the part of the participants. The class history, class prophecy and class will were given by Misses Railey, Butler and Crocker. The exercises were of the highest order and the large audience pronounced it the finest of the kind ever witnessed. The Commencement exercises began Wednesday morning with a procession led by President Robinson and the speaker of the day, Mr. D. D. Woodmansee of Cincinnati, followed by Dean Gorham, Dr. Hayes, Miss Ostrander and Dr. Porter. Following these was the Senior class in cap and gown. "Regatta Veneziana" was rendered by Misses Jessie Hite, Kennedy, Murphy and Hogue. This was followed by a solo entitled, "Springtime," by Miss Helen Hite; Mr. D. D. Woodmansee, a very able speaker, gave a most interesting and inspiring address. After the President's address which was most pleasing and appropriate and the Presentation of Diplomas, the Senior class sang their class song which was written by President Robinson. The benediction was then pronounced which closed the exercises of the college year.

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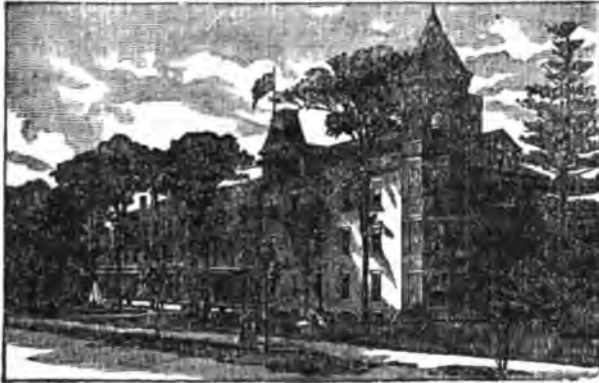
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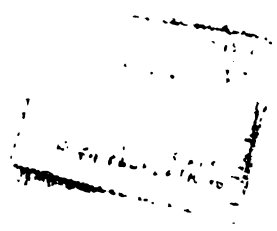
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